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welcome to NEVADA

FROM THE GOVERNOR



I'm delighted that you have chosen the Silver State as your next adventure. Nevada's open roads and scenic byways offer some remarkable surprises—and each one holds an experience of its own that's sure to please any traveler.

Nevada is home to more natural hot springs than any other state in the nation, and you can experience one along the "Loneliest Road in America." Explore one of our state's many ghost towns from our astounding mining era along the Free-Range Art Highway. Stargaze under the darkest skies in the U.S. at Great Basin National Park, and then enjoy unparalleled dining and nightlife in the entertainment capital of the world—all within our state.

I hope you enjoy one of the many wide-open adventures our great state has to offer, and make some incredible memories along the way.

Reno's art and mural scene before hitting one of Tahoe's powder-packed ski resorts.

All you need is a vehicle and a sense of adventure—Nevada will provide the rest.

Governor Steve Sisolak

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A bold wager? You bet. But with all our surprising scenery, intriguing towns, oddball attractions, outdoor freedom, endless let's-see-what-happens adventure opps, and miles of all-to-yourself roads between it all, the odds are definitely in our—and your—favor.

#NVROADTRIP

View our favorite road-tested routes starting on pg. 11



A love letter **TO NEVADA**

Nevada is vast and vastly more beautiful, fascinating, and complex than 'The Hangover' would have you believe.

By Sarah Feldberg | Matador Network



I remember the first time I saw a tumbleweed. I was just outside Las Vegas, picking up my Toyota Corolla from the back of a moving truck, all of my earthly possessions wedged inside its compact interior. A tumbleweed rolled down the shoulder of the road as I gaped at this everyday marvel. *Huh*, I thought. *They really do tumble.*



I was new in town back then and still getting my bearings, still slathering my hands in lotion and waking up parched in the middle of the night; still learning how to pronounce Nevada like a local, with a **short “A”** in the middle: 🗣️
Nev-AD-duh, not Nev-AHH-duh.

All I knew about the state I’d learned from magazine articles, TV shows, and

bad movies. Some 110,000 square miles reduced to a tiny patch of neon swimming in the desert. Venture outside the glow and you might disappear altogether.

But Nevada is vast and vastly more beautiful, fascinating, and complex than “The Hangover” would have you believe. It’s a place of contrasts and

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All the clichés are just a tiny glimpse of the gorgeous complexity down below.

contradictions, the domain of cowboys and card sharks, where fortunes have been made and squandered, legends born and sacrificed.

No matter where you stand in the 36th state, you're pretty much never more than 30 minutes from wide-open land. When I first moved from the East Coast—where suburbs sprawl for hours—Las Vegas shocked me. Here I could see the hard edge where civilization stopped, the final line where neighborhoods gave way to unfiltered earth, yellow-flowered creosote, yucca, and Joshua trees.



RUBY MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS,
HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST



The federal government owns 85% of the state, and wilderness in Nevada takes many forms. It's the wooded peaks of the **Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest** [pg. 76-79](#), the largest national forest in the continental US; the soft, earthy **slot canyons of Cathedral Gorge** [pg. 72-74](#), just wide enough for a person to squeeze through; and the silica-specked ridges of **Sand Mountain** [pg. 94-95](#), which rise 600 feet from the ground like dusty waves, beckoning off-roaders on dirt bikes and ATVs.



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Great Basin National Park

In **Great Basin National Park** [pg. 46](#), you'll hike past gnarled bristlecone pines that have outlasted empires and gaze into night skies so dark they burst with light. At the Tule Springs Fossil Beds, you'll explore an Ice Age graveyard, where the remains of mammoths, dire wolves, ground sloths, and giant lions are preserved in the rock.

There are snow-capped summits where **helicopters** [pg. 96-97](#) drop off skiers and snowboarders; **soakable hot springs** [pg. 86-87](#)

that bubble from the earth, hours from the nearest day spa; and sun-baked valleys where plants and animals cling to life with time-tested grit. Here, suburbanites hunt scorpions by blacklight and bighorn sheep hang out on the playground.

Modern Nevada is home to numerous **ghost towns** [pg. 88-89](#)—communities that sprang from the dirt during mineral booms of the late 1800s and were left mostly as-is when the lode ran dry. In western Nevada,



RUBY MOUNTAINS
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Sand Mountain



INSIDE A BRISTLECONE
PINE, GREAT BASIN
NATIONAL PARK



year for a week and then vanish into the dust? Nevada is the perfect mix of spectacle and void, a place of [showgirls pg. 105](#) and working parents and [cowboy poets pg. 112](#)—with a whole lot of empty range in between.

I fell for the pull-the-car-over sunsets, the interminable sunshine, and the stupefying thunderstorms that hit like the end of days. I fell for the history, the tales of Nevada's wild and woolly past when [Wyatt Earp pg. 66-69](#) walked boomtown streets, when the [Rat Pack ruled the Strip pg. 56-59](#), and when

So eventually, I fell for Nevada.

miners struck gold in [Rhyolite pg. 88-89](#) in 1905, drawing 5,000 people to the town—which soon sported spiffy concrete sidewalks, police and fire departments, a public pool, and 50 saloons. But fortunes faded as quickly as they bloom, and the mines were closing by 1911 (electricity was shut off three years later). Today, Rhyolite is a relic, a curiosity where you can ogle a home built from glass bottles and wander the [15-acre art experiment nearby pg. 30-31](#).


In Goldfield, artists planted the rusted-out hulks of buses and sedans to form the [International Car Forest of the Last Church, pg. 30-31](#) a bizarre landmark that inspires pilgrimages. Outside Las Vegas, Ugo Rondinone's neon [Seven Magic Mountains pg. 86-87](#) are Instagram catnip, while Michael Heizer's massive "earthworks" use the land itself as a canvas. Where else could a [psychedelic city of 70,000 pg. 50](#) spring up every



GENOA



the Mob reputedly ran every worthwhile joint in town. I fell for [Samuel Clemens debuting the name Mark Twain pg. 66-69](#) in a Virginia City newspaper, Clark Gable passing three torturous days in the [Pioneer Saloon pg. 98-99](#), and [Howard Hughes pg. 66-69](#) buying the Desert Inn casino because he didn't want to vacate the penthouse, or so the stories go.

I fell for Nevada not in spite of its contradictions but because of them. Because this state is still untamed, unknowable, and gloriously rough around the edges. Because it's a place where tumbleweeds really tumble, and all the clichés are just a tiny glimpse of the gorgeous complexity down below. I love Nevada because there's still so much to learn. And no matter how long I'm here, there always will be. 

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Yourself in History



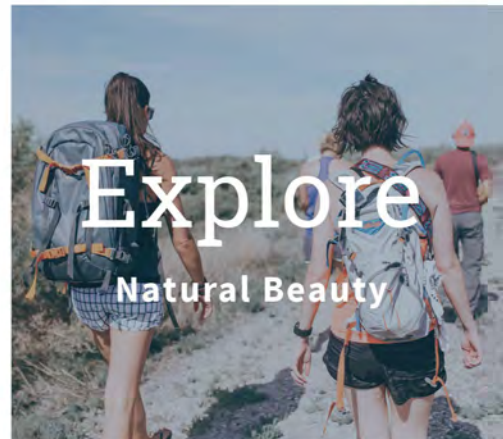
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From weird weather that rolls in from nowhere to roads that seem to point there, you never know what you'll encounter in this awesomely uncanny state. Part of the fun? You bet. But let's keep it that way with a few tips, road rules, and general bits of wisdom to prep you for your unforgettable Nevada experience.

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Find your NEVADA ADVENTURE

HOLD UP NOW! This guide is different from other guides.
You can read it cover to cover if you really want to...

But as with every adventure-er, **every adventure is different**—and ought to be. Which is why we've made it easy to weave together your very own.

Fancy yourself a foodie? A die-hard history buff? A thrill-seeking adventure junkie? Well dang, all of the above and beyond? Whatever passion you're chasing, there's a good chance you'll find it all over Nevada—as well as all throughout this guide. Because, now, **there's an icon for that. So go ahead; spot the symbols, flip around, and hatch your very own plan of attack.**

FOLLOW YOUR CURIOSITY



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as the **Loneliest Road in America**. The article said there were no attractions or points of interest along the original stretch of road and **warned** drivers not to risk traveling the route—unless they had “**survival skills**.”

However, Nevadans knew better then and know better now. **Because, sure, Highway 50 is wide and open. But isn't that part of the allure?**

As it happens, this storied road is also your link to unsurpassed recreational opportunities including hiking, biking, climbing, camping, RV-ing, off-roading, motorcycling, horseback riding, sandboarding, stargazing, saloon-hopping, and even hot springing. No matter your pleasure, while you're out here chasing it, you're bound to enjoy exploring the road's endless vistas; friendly full-service communities; and wonderfully historic towns filled with characters who can spin a yarn that'll keep you mesmerized for hours and yearning to hear more.

Game on.



380 miles [612 km]

Carson City to Baker
6.5 hours



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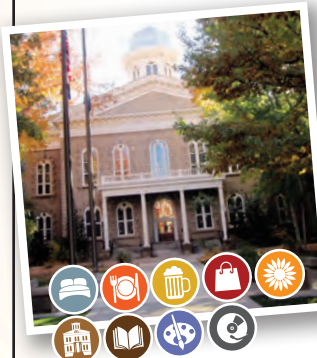


Need a rec? Get a light menu of Silver State specials on pg. 98-101

SAND MOUNTAIN

Sand Mountain is a six-story-tall sand dune created by geological forces over several millennia. Today the area is popular with photographers and thrill-seeking off-roaders.

Get more off-roading info on pg. 94-95



NEVADA'S STATE CAPITAL

While Carson City's mid-19th century roots proudly show in its historic homes and buildings, museums, and the capitol itself, the heart of picturesque downtown now beats with walkable streets lined with art, shops, hip bars, and bistros.



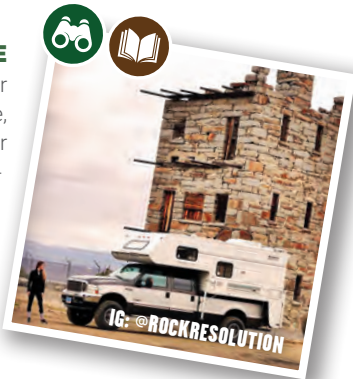
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For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/LoneliestRoadInAmerica

STOKES CASTLE

Towering over the Reese River Valley at Austin's western edge, Stokes Castle was modeled after a real Roman tower for a well-heeled mining magnate in the late 1890s. Today it stands as a solid monument to the town's mining-era grandeur.



THE SHOE TREE

A couple miles east of **Middlegate Station** stands a sole-ful landmark to local lore. In a tradition allegedly begun by quarrelsome lovers, this old tree bears no fruit, but instead plenty of pairs of shoes slung into the branches from passers-by.



Thirsty in Carson City? Hop in to Shoe Tree Brewing Co., named after this Loneliest Road icon.

EUREKA OPERA HOUSE

Built in 1880, this architectural gem brought some Victorian high culture to the Wild West town of Eureka in the form of dances, operas, and masquerade balls. Explore the building for free or get lucky and catch a live performance.



STARGAZER INN & KEROUAC'S RESTAURANT

Nestled against **Great Basin National Park** lies the small, artsy town of Baker—where gourmet cuisine, artisan cocktails, fine beer and wine, and cozy motel rooms delight weary travelers and park-goers at Stargazer Inn & Kerouac's Restaurant (open May-Oct).



Talk about a show stealer. Discover Great Basin National Park on pg. 46-47

EAST ELY RAILROAD DEPOT MUSEUM AND NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY

See what 1907 looked like at the frozen-in-time **East Ely Railroad Depot Museum**, gateway to the vast grounds of the **Nevada Northern Railway**, where you can catch a ride—or even be the engineer—on a working steam locomotive.



Celebrate the 150-Year Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad with us. See pg. 106-107 for more info.



KINGSTON Twenty minutes southwest of US-50 lies the lovely Miles End Lodge B&B, the legendary Lucky Spur Saloon, and spectacular Kingston Canyon.

MIDDLEGATE STATION

In the kitchen of this real-deal roadhouse—established in 1860 as a Pony Express station—there lurks a legend: **the Middlegate Monster**. Whether you slay this multi-pound burger beast or simply bask in the old-school ambiance, Middlegate Station is a must.



Did you know Middlegate also serves up great music? Check it out on pg. 110-111

SURVIVAL OF THE ADVENTUROUS

*We believe anyone who's ventured across the **Loneliest Road in America** deserves some recognition—not just bragging rights. So, let's make it official...*

1 GET THE GUIDE

Grab a copy of The Official Highway 50 Survival Guide, which you can order at PonyExpressNevada.com or pick up at any visitor's center along US-50.

2 LOOK FOR SIGNS

Take it to any participating business, museum, visitor's center, or chamber of commerce in Carson City, Dayton, Fernley, Fallon, Middlegate, Austin, Eureka, Ely, or Baker that displays the **Official Stamp Location** sign.



3 GET STAMPS

At each stop, have the back flap in your guide validated with that community's official stamp.

4 GOT FIVE ON IT? SEND IT IN!

Once you have the flap stamped in AT LEAST FIVE of the eight communities, fill in your name and address, tear off the back flap that doubles as a postage-paid postcard, and drop it in the mail to the Nevada Division of Tourism. In return, you'll receive an official Highway 50 souvenir and certificate to commemorate your successful survival of the Loneliest Road in America.



Are you a survivor?



In the middle of Nevada, no one can hear you scream.

As Highway 50 winds eastward through the Great Basin it passes through the town of Austin, smack in the middle of rural Nevada. With the expansive Toiyabe Mountain Range as its backyard, it features some of the best mountain biking, hiking and exploring in the state. And if you need some time to kick back, Austin has motels, restaurants and unique shops all along its historic Main Street. Austin, Nevada: where adventurous souls meet.

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Vegas has it all. But venture beyond the neon and you'll be rewarded with some of Nevada's most **alluring state parks, famous landmarks, and exciting attractions**—and still get back in time for your dinner reservation, spa treatment, or Elvis-officiated wedding. Meanwhile, travelers looking to escape the urban hustle and bustle for a night or two will find plenty to justify their **getaway in southern Nevada's other burgs, each with its own unique character and charm.**

Red Rockin' Loop: 85 miles [140 km]

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area—Spring Mountain Ranch State Park—Goodsprings
2.5 hours

Fire & Water Loop: 215 miles [345 km]

Mesquite—Moapa Valley—Valley of Fire State Park—Lake Mead Scenic Route
4 hours

Colorado River Corridor: 207 miles [330 km]

Las Vegas—Boulder City—Hoover Dam—Laughlin
3.75 hours



RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

Hands-down one of the most breathtaking places in the Silver State, nearly 2 million people come here to explore red-banded canyons, towering sandstone peaks, and ancient petroglyphs. With some of the best vertical

Belay on! Head to pg. 84-85 for more rock-solid recs and a real-life Red Rock climber's chronicle

routes on the continent, it's also a (literally) natural home for Red Rock Rendezvous, a "dirtbag" celebration of all things climbing-related, which kicks back off in 2020.

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK

The same babbling springs that drew pioneers, chinchilla ranchers, and celebrity owners to this lush property still captivates visitors and locals alike. Bust some yoga poses on the lush lawn, explore rustic buildings, or find a ranger to tell you wild tales, teach you to paint, or lead you on a moonlight hike through the stunning landscape.



PIONEER SALOON

Boy, if these original stamped tin walls could talk... This century-old watering hole—the set of countless movies and television shows—remains home to legends, folklore, Food Network-worthy fare, and excellent company, all washed down with some notoriously killer Bloody Marys.

Photo by DarrellCraigHarris.com



SEVEN MAGIC MOUNTAINS

This polychromatic cult-classic photo-op is definitely worth at least a selfie or three.



Find out more about the Nevada Museum of Art's Seven Magic Mountains on pg. 30-31

→ MESQUITE

TURN TO LEARN more about this oasis beckoning just an hour out of Las Vegas.

Resort getaways, art, culture, great restaurants, and golf galore... all set against the paradise of the Virgin River Valley.

THE SCENIC ROUTE

If you have time, take it. Northshore Road gently winds from Overton back toward Vegas (or vice versa), hugging Valley of Fire, with vistas out to Lake Mead, Gold Butte National Monument, and even peaks of Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Watch for wild horses!



GOLD BUTTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Designated in 2016, this 300,000-acre wonderland dazzles with striking sandstone rock formations, thousands of petroglyphs and rock art, and Depression-era structures.



TravelNevada Pro Tip: This is serious backcountry. Remoteness, rugged roads, and sweltering summers are only fun if you are prepared to survive them. Do your homework and come prepared.

MOAPA VALLEY & LOST CITY MUSEUM

This tranquil agrarian valley, serendipitously nestled between Valley of Fire and Lake Mead, shines with the small-town allures of Overton, Logandale, Glendale, and Moapa, but today's visitors and residents weren't its first fans. Stop by the **Lost City Museum** for a glimpse into the life of the Ancestral Puebloans, near where archaeologists fortuitously uncovered an entire city.

Even more museums, pg. 106-107



VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

Just 55 miles beyond Las Vegas, Nevada's first and largest state park formed when dinosaurs roamed. Take in unparalleled vistas of—or atop—unearthly sandstone formations and keep your eyes peeled for calling cards from Nevada's earliest human ancestors; these natural canvases are rich with petroglyphs.



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HOOVER DAM

Without this thing, there would be no Vegas. Located on the **Colorado River**, this world-famous marvel of the engineering world welcomes more than 7 million visitors a year who take guided tours, peer down 700 feet (213 m) down into **Black Canyon**, or photograph it from the overarching 880-ft-tall (268 m), 1,905-ft-long (580 m) Mike O'Callaghan–Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge.



IG: @MWBUS

→ BOULDER CITY

TURN TO LEARN about the quiet, charming Art Deco extravaganza and Colorado River recreation hub perched just 25-ish minutes (and yet an entire world away) from the Strip.



TECHATTICUP MINE, ELDERADO CANYON

The site of Nevada's very first gold strike—by Spaniards way back in the 1700s—this ghost town packs a combined punch with its stunning Mojave scenery, grisly Wild West history, and artifact-strewn movie-set quality photo-ops galore.



Get more ghost towns in your life on pg 88-89

TravelNevada Pro Tip: Take the mine tour.

→ LAUGHLIN

TURN TO LEARN about Nevada's southernmost community, a prime destination for outdoor enthusiasts, families, and anyone else craving a little R&R on the edge of the **Colorado River**.



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/Neon-to-Nature

TURN TO LEARN...

VENTURING BEYOND VEGAS

MESQUITE *Find Your Flavor*

Situated in the astounding, sunset-rich Virgin River Valley, this easygoing resort town captures the very best of small-town life and big-city attractions at the same time.

Golf

Welcome to a golfer's paradise. **With 300 sunny days annually, it's hard to find a part of the year without a worthwhile tee time.** Eight distinct courses—all within a few minute's drive—have been sculpted out of the fantastical landscape, including world-famous **Wolf Creek**, a regular on the planet's top "Best Of" lists year after year.

Virgin Valley Heritage Museum

This museum not only tells the region's fascinating history, but is also actually a piece of it itself. One of two Pueblo Revival-style buildings in the state (the other: **Lost City Museum**), it immerses visitors in the lives of the area's first American Indian inhabitants and early settling pioneers with priceless artifacts in permanent and rotating exhibits.

BOULDER CITY *Small Town. Big Adventure.*

Established in 1931 as a planned, casino-free community, the relaxed, park-lined, spotlessly-manicured "town that built Hoover Dam" delights visitors with its preserved Art Deco aura, visible history on every corner, quaint shops, amazing eats, and right-there access to Hoover Dam and tons of Colorado River and Lake Mead recreation.

Historic District

Boulder City is lucky. Decades after its construction, over 400 vintage structures and their mostly Art Deco stylings still stand, functioning today as shops, cafés, galleries, and antique emporiums. Even the bowling alley highlights this highly walkable town's time-warped essence.

Boulder Dam Hotel

Built in 1933 to quarter Hoover Dam bigwigs and government mucky-mucks, this luxurious property quickly became a go-to getaway for dignitaries and celebrities. Today this Colonial Revival-style gem, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, harbors opulent rooms, art galleries, a brunch café, and the **Boulder City-Hoover Dam Museum**.

Boulder City—Hoover Dam Museum

Construction of the colossal Hoover Dam remains a monumental feat of engineering. However, through interactive exhibits and authentic artifacts, this fascinating museum (aptly situated in the **Boulder Dam Hotel**) does not simply tout the building of the dam itself, but also investigates the everyday lives of workers and families and the social forces that brought them there.

Back On Track

Last year, the original 1930s route of the Nevada Southern Railway was restored, reconnecting Boulder City to Henderson for the first time since 1985.

Mesquite Fine Arts Center & Gallery

One of Nevada's proudest art institutions, this art-lover's oasis unites nearly 200 local artists to showcase handmade gifts and jewelry; original paintings, sculpture, ceramics, fabric arts, and photography; and handmade glass and furniture exhibits. **Free admission.**

Colorado River Recreation

Want to kick it up a notch? Boulder City is also the launchpad to some thrilling outdoor action, such as hiking or biking through mountains in the Historic Railroad Tunnel Trail or the 34-mile-long, non-motorized **River Mountains Loop Trail**, kayaking into Hoover Dam's shadow along the **Black Canyon Water Trail**, some of southern Nevada's best mountain bike trails,



Take a ride. More MTB action on pg. 90-93

and the adrenaline-sparking **2,000-foot zipline at Flightlinez Bootleg Canyon.**

WOLF CREEK
Mesquite



VIRGIN VALLEY
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BLACK CANYON, Colorado River



LAUGHLIN *R&R Along the River*

Situated on a slice of the Colorado River Valley where Nevada, California, and Arizona converge is the always-sunny city of Laughlin. And if three million visitors a year are any indication, Nevada's riverfront city has certainly earned its place as the region's leading tourist destination.

On the Water

Everyone comes to Laughlin to enjoy the mighty Colorado River—but not just from their dinner table, hotel room, or even barstool (you get it; the views are pretty great here).

Visitors looking to make the most of this Mojave town's endless-summer climate can take on the current in a kayak or canoe, or rip around on jet skis. Fishermen can angle for crappie, bluegill, trout, and striped bass. Those with a need for speed can hop on a **London Bridge Jet Boat Tour** for an afternoon and blast down to one of the Southwest's odder landmarks: actual London

Bridge, transported from England to nearby Lake Havasu City, AZ.

On the Land

Grab a frosty libation and wander between several riverfront casino-resort properties (don't worry; that's legal here), whose shops, cafés, brewpubs, and gaming floors all connect along the bank-hugging Riverwalk. Hikers and equestrians have their pick of scenic trails and paths throughout the **Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park and Trails** system—each with its own spectacular perspective of the river or surrounding mountain landscape—

while beachfront picnickers find serenity at **Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area**.

On the Calendar

There's always something big going down in Laughlin. From Spartan Races to off-road rallies, the **Laughlin River Run** (possibly the biggest, wildest celebration of motorcycle culture on the West Coast) to the **Laughlin River Regatta** (definitely the biggest, wildest inner tube float... probably anywhere), or all the big-ticket concerts at the **Laughlin Events Center**, there's always something fun coming 'round the bend down here.

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From **wild-western Virginia City** to **idyllic Carson Valley**, or the **historic capital of Carson City** to **hip-and-happening Reno**, just

over the hill lie some of Nevada’s most intriguing destinations, iconic history, and best-kept secrets.

In fact, whether you piece together a daytrip or spring for a multi-day excursion, with all of these distinct locales woven into one tight circuit, the Lake Tahoe Loop may be one of the most diverse—and accessible—road trips in the Silver State.



#LakeTahoeLoop #NVRoadTrip



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/Lake-Tahoe-Loop



145 Miles
[235km]

Reno to Lake Tahoe via Virginia City,
Carson City, and Carson Valley

3.5 hours

LAKE TAHOE

Dozens of sandy beaches, thousands of hiking and biking trails, 190 square miles of mesmerizingly clear water ripe for scenic cruises and SUPs...13 ski resorts, endless terrain for snowmobiles and sleigh rides...world-class entertainment, luxurious hotels, and top-notch restaurants...if this picture calls your name, you and Tahoe’s other 3 million visitors a year can’t be wrong.



Map out your next Nevada state park moments on pg. 72-73

TURN TO LEARN →

...how to dip your toes into some Lake Tahoe action.



GENOA

In 1851, the Mormon traders who built Nevada’s first official settlement probably didn’t guess that, nearly 170 years later, folks would still flock here—especially to visit the state’s oldest saloon. In addition to **Genoa Bar’s** stellar suds, this picturesque hamlet is known for its delicious cafés, charming inns, intriguing shops, and glimpses of Nevada history at the **Courthouse Museum** and **Mormon Station State Historic Park**.

TravelNevada Pro Tip: Want to really “soak in” some history? Check out the luxurious 1862 David Walley’s Hot Springs Resort.



Always respect the springs. Learn how on pg. 86-87



MINDEN

When it comes to charm, Minden is clearly on the same team as its next-door neighbor, **Gardnerville**. Other plots to win your heart include summer street fairs, the frozen-in-time **Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park**, top-tier concerts at **Carson Valley Inn**, anything off the menu (or vast beer list) at **Minden Meat & Deli**—all to be joined this year by **Bently Heritage Distillery**, one of the country’s only estate distilleries.



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Fill up your trip (and glass) with more Nevada-grown tastes on pg. 100-101

VIRGINIA CITY

Think Disneyland's "Frontierland," except real (and with way more saloons). One-hundred fifty years of history vibes meet a nonstop stream of present-day festivities in a fun-loving,



Did you know Virginia City is the "birthplace" of Mark Twain?
Flip to pg. 66-69 to meet him and more **Legendary Nevadans**

film-set-quality town that loves its 17 museums, cute shops, and gunfight shows as much as its outhouse races, giant parades, and annual themed saloon crawls.

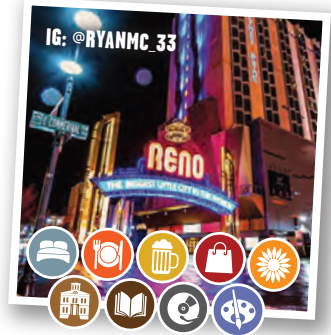
TURN TO LEARN...

...how to tackle one of Nevada's liveliest towns.



RENO

Maybe it's the sizzling culinary scene and dozens of local breweries and distilleries. Or the electrifying music scene and art radiating off every corner. Or, if you're about that casino life, the round-the-clock entertainment and on-site-everything of an outstanding resort. Whatever you're after, these days, if you can't find it in Reno, it probably was never that cool anyhow.



TURN TO LEARN, PG. 50...

Dive deeper into the Reno scene.



CARSON CITY

Even before statehood in 1864, Nevada's capital connected everything else on this road trip—from the lumber bases of **Lake Tahoe** to the silver shafts of **Virginia City**, the bread basket of **Carson Valley** to the westward gateway of **Reno**. Those stories still flourish, especially along downtown's self-guided **Blue Line Tour**, on the tracks at the **Nevada State Railroad Museum**, in the **Nevada State Museum** (housed in the former U.S. Mint), and at **Stewart Indian School**.



Check out more Nevada museums on pg. 103-107

GARDNERVILLE

In the heart of Carson Valley, against the Sierra Nevada, this easygoing town's flowery streets were designed for strolling. Amble among century-old buildings to window shop for local art, crafts, and antiques, to peruse the **Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center**, or to hop between hearty restaurants, lively saloons, and the iconic **JT Basque dinner house**—then ask yourself why all towns can't be as idyllic as this one.



Help yourself to more Basque cuisine on pg. 36-37

→ TURN TO LEARN...

LAKE TAHOE: JEWEL OF THE SIERRA

With 72 miles (116 km) of pristine shoreline hemming in 191 square miles (490 km²) of brisk, opaline water, “Big Blue” weighs in as North America’s largest alpine lake—and with 1,645 feet (501 m) between your paddleboard and the bottom, it’s also the country’s second deepest. (Try not to drop your phone.)

#NEVADASIDE

Wanna get out there? Recreational opportunities abound around the one-third of Lake Tahoe that sits on the **#NevadaSide**, which remains far less developed than California’s slice—except in the border towns of Crystal Bay and Stateline, where world-renowned casino resorts bring the party 24 hours a day.

There is so much to do at Lake Tahoe that it could (and does) fill books... check

out these starter tips, then head to **TravelNevada.com** for a boatload more.

Tahoe North

The rustic hamlet of Incline Village relishes its quieter, old Tahoe charm with fine bistros, luxurious lodging, two beautiful golf courses, fireside cocktails at the beachfront **Lone Eagle Grille**, and the unsurpassed lake views of family-sized **Diamond Peak Ski Resort**.

Crystal Bay does its duty as Tahoe’s north-shore border town with gaming, great concerts, and lodging at a few classic properties, like **Crystal Bay Casino** and the **Tahoe Biltmore**.

Tahoe South

On and off the water or slopes, this is where the action is. Several hotel-casinos anchor Stateline’s buzzing entertainment scene, a short walk from

300 to 500 inches of powdery Sierra snow annually means amazing downhill at 13 area resorts, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, dog-sledding, sleigh rides, and more.

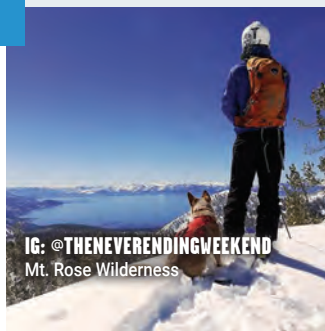
WINTER IS COMING



Flip to pg. 96-97 to warm up your winter legs around the rest of the state.



HARRAH'S LAKE TAHOE



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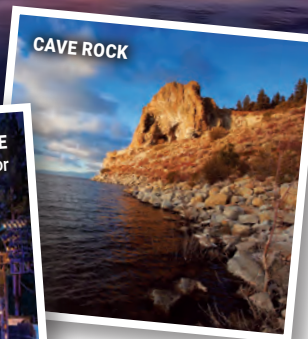
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Flume Trail



Mountain bikers, hit the trails on pg. 90-93. Or would you rather take a hike? Visit pg. 76-79.



LAKE TAHOE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL, Sand Harbor



CAVE ROCK

Lift the curtain on this Bard-tastic event on pg. 112-115



LAKE TAHOE NEVADA STATE PARK

Made up of several areas, there is no better way to experience Tahoe's range of scenery. **Spooner Lake** and the **Marlette/Hobart Backcountry** offer off-grid bliss for anglers, hikers, and mountain bikers—including unbeatable views from the legendary **Flume Trail**. The **Cave Rock** day-use area includes a boat launch and sandy beach. The Highway 28 corridor is dotted with secluded beaches accessed by trail or water. **Sand Harbor**, possibly Tahoe's most striking sandy beach, delights sunbathers, boaters, SUP-ers, wintertime sleigh riders, and even theatre-goers at its annual summertime **Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival**.

*Hitting the harbor? Ditch the car, escape parking woes, and stay safe on the long-awaited **SR-28 SHARED USE PATH**, a 3-mile paved trail uniting Incline Village and Sand Harbor—slated to open to cyclists and pedestrians Spring 2019.*



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Sand Harbor



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→ TURN TO LEARN...

The Original
BUCKET OF BLOOD
SINCE 1876
SALOON

VIRGINIA CITY: PARTY LIKE IT'S 1859

Wandering the boardwalk-lined streets and original buildings in this old mining town, it's easy to believe you've "Stepped Back in Time" to the 19th century. Then again, while dancing to a Western swing band with locals clad in Victorian dresses, cavalry uniforms, and other bygone Western getups at a place called the **Bucket of Blood Saloon**, it's hard NOT to.



HOLIDAY PARADE



A bona fide boomtown, Virginia City rocketed into existence seemingly overnight, thanks to America's first major silver strike in 1859. The mind-bogglingly large **Comstock Lode** quickly shaped the town into a bustling, rough-and-tumble mining center that overflowed with unimaginable wealth and prosperity, attracting 25,000 fortune-seekers at its peak.

Today, Virginia City is home to about 1,000 residents and some of the most beautifully preserved homes, churches, saloons, cemeteries, and other historic structures in the West—a claim to fame that earned **the entire town a spot on the National Register of Historic Places**.

History buffs can fill days **museum hopping (there are 17 of 'em)**. Tours are



Museums, you say? Right this way
pg. 103-107

plentiful—on foot or trolley, self-guided or expert-led, around town or in a mine, or even in a haunted building in what some experts claim is the most paranormally active place in the US.

And yet, as exciting as the town's past is, if there's one thing "V.C." knows how to do, it's live in the moment. Time it right and you may find yourself crawling among **12 Old West saloons**, catching



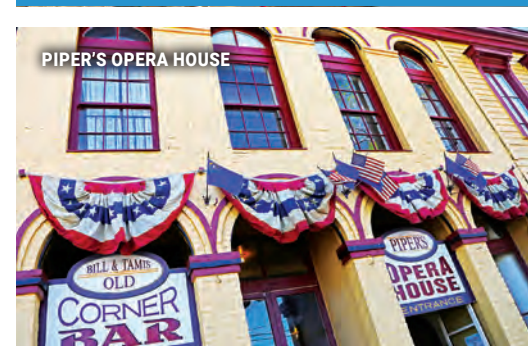
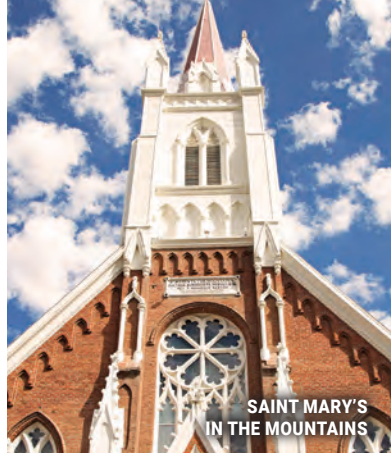
Pore over more sip-worthy spots on
pg. 100-101



VIRGINIA CITY MINING CO.



RED DOG SALOON



a show at **Piper's Opera House**, rooting for **camel** or **outhouse racers**, tasting competing **chili** or **Rocky Mountain oyster** recipes, cheering on a **holiday parade**, or generally whooping it up at one of the town's dozens of raucous, street-closing, crowd-drawing weekend events.

With so much to do in one of Nevada's most unique places, it's no wonder a million visitors venture up the hill each year to get immersed in history, all while making a little of their own.



Download the App

There's a lot to see, eat, drink, and do here. Get the **Virginia City app** for info, news, a historical audio tour, and more. **Find it on the App Store and Google Play.**

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WHILE CERTAIN OTHER PLACES IN NEVADA ARE JUST WINDING DOWN AROUND 6 AM, JT HUMPHREY IS ROLLING OUT. IN TOW ARE PHOTOGRAPHERS, BIOLOGISTS AND A TRUCKLOAD OF THE TERMINALLY CURIOUS WHO FEEL A DAY ENCOUNTERING EAGLES, MUSTANGS AND PETROGLYPHS TRUMPS A FULL HOUSE AND THE JOY OF BINGO. UNTIL LATER TONIGHT, THAT IS. SUCH IS THE PACE OF CARSON VALLEY, WHERE LIFE IS SERVED COMFORTABLY RAW.

CARSON VALLEY
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With its stark desert landscapes, thermometer-shattering climate, and all-around extreme reputation, Death Valley is a natural centerpiece for a road trip that visits ghost towns, rugged biker bars, and a charming little family-run coffin shop (nope, not a typo).

However, as the region's tenacious flora and fauna have known for millennia, life out here is all about balance.

That's why this route is also flush with plenty of life-affirming pleasures, from Pahrump's elegant vineyards to the natural splendor of Desert National Wildlife Refuge and the montane wilderness of nearly 12,000-foot (3,660 m) Mount Charleston—one of Nevada's tallest peaks—which, just a stone's throw from the lowest point in North America (Death Valley's Badwater Basin), is just one of the many mesmerizing contrasts you're about to try and wrap your head around on this one.



315 miles [505 km]

Las Vegas to Death Valley
Featuring Pahrump, Amargosa Valley,
Beatty, and Spring Mountains
5.5 hours



As far as houses built entirely from medicine, beer, and whiskey bottles go, Rhyolite's is the oldest and largest in the US.

RHYOLITE GHOST TOWN

Once home to 5,000 fortune-seekers, Rhyolite was abandoned 100 years ago, but its iconic buildings still dazzle film crews, more photographers than any other Nevada ghost town, and anyone craving one of the state's best vestigial glimpses of the boomtown era.



Get down on more ghost towns on pg. 88-89



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/The-Death-Drive



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COFFINWOOD

If you're into coffin-shaped furniture, jewelry, purses, ping-pong tables, or really anything else (including actual coffins), this is your joint. Even if you're not, touring this coffin-themed home, workshop, and wedding chapel makes for some undying memories. By appointment only.



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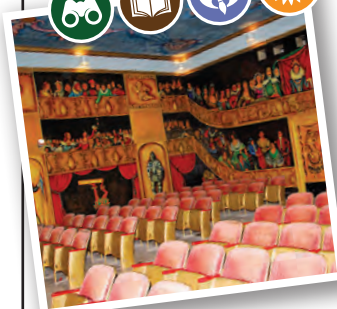
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AMARGOSA OPERA HOUSE

The show must go on? Marta Becket, the late proprietress of this far-flung auditorium, certainly thought so, performing opera for over 40 years to whoever turned up in minuscule Death Valley Junction—as well as to the permanent guests she painted on its walls.

Photo by Steve Dffenbacher



HAPPY BURRO CHILI & BEER

In a town where burros (wild donkeys) happily roam the streets, Beatty's human visitors chase their own pleasures at this rustic family-run saloon serving, well, homemade chili and ice-cold



See what else is cookin' around the state on pg. 98-99

beer. Watch out for the **Beatty Cowboys** who often post up on nearby stools.

BASIN AND RANGE

At 1.5 million acres, **Desert National Wildlife Refuge** is the largest national wildlife refuge in the continental United States, and one of the largest intact habitats for desert bighorn sheep. If you need to elevate your itinerary, the **Spring Mountains** offer 316,000 acres of diverse recreation opportunities (even skiing) on the turf of **Mount Charleston**, Nevada's fifth-tallest peak.

Photo by Sharon K. Schafer/DNWR



TURN TO LEARN...
...what's hot about this must-visit park.

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Beatty Rhyolite



Pahrump

LAS VEGAS

LAKE MEAD

TO LOS ANGELES

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS SALOON

It's easy to delay your journey by visiting one of the state's best biker bars, a suds-slugging pitstop known for its towering burgers, toothsome quesadillas, and last-Saturday-of-the-month pig roasts (Mar-Oct).



PAHRUMP WINERIES

Some folks are already astonished to learn there's water in the Mojave. Pahrumpians take it even further with not one but two estate wineries. **Sanders Family Winery**—Nevada's first modern winemakers—and **Pahrump Valley Winery** both host tours on their scenic grounds.

We grow our own. Indulge yourself on Nevada's estate-grown wine and spirits on pg. 100-101

DEATH VALLEY

Despite its ominous name, Death Valley National Park is a landscape alive with incredible beauty, characterized by miles of deep sand dunes, technicolor rocks and canyons, rare and endemic wildlife, and jaw-dropping peaks that rise 11,000 feet above neighboring valleys.

Visitors to this unique park will also find a wreath of relics from its lengthy history that offer a glimpse into the harsh life of the area's early settlers and native inhabitants, including **metal ore mines**, **charcoal kilns**, **ghost towns**, **petroglyphs**, and **ancient Shoshone foot trails**.

Even if you're short on time (or heat tolerance), must-stops include the otherworldly **Zabriskie Point** overlook, searching for droids at **Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes**, and getting as low as you can go (in North America) at Badwater Basin—282 ft (86m) below sea level.

While accommodations are limited in the park itself, you'll find a wide range of great places to eat, drink, rest up, and even swim in Nevada's gateway communities.



ON YOUR WAY

Pahrump

50 min. from entrance

With 40,000 residents, Pahrump offers the area's most robust selection of casino resorts, motels, RV parks, restaurants, bars, supermarkets, pharmacies, auto shops, and other precious luxuries of civilization—with two lovely wineries and a water-powered jetpack adventure facility, to boot!

Beatty

25 min. from entrance

This friendly mining town greets the sunbaked traveler with several motels and comforting cafés, a top-notch coffee shop, and a few classic saloons serving frosty, hard-earned libations. Be sure to swing by the **Beatty Museum & Historical Society**, nearby **Rhyolite**



Explore more Ghost Towns on pg. 88-89



HOT DAMN.

Seriously though, the heat here is no joke. While it's been a century since Furnace Creek thermometers hit Earth's hottest verified temperature ever—134° F (56.7° c)—Death Valley has topped the “hottest monthly temperature” in the world two years in a row, records scientists predict will continue to. Visitors in the summer months should take extreme precautions to protect their bodies and even their vehicles.

Ghost Town, and the abundantly stocked **Death Valley Nut & Candy Co.**

Amargosa Valley

25 min. from entrance

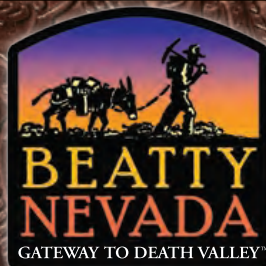
This small-but-mighty border community welcomes you back to the “Nevada side” with its **Big Bovine** sculpture and the equally unmissable **Longstreet Inn, Casino & RV Resort**—a modern 60-room (and 51-site) oasis home to 24-hour action at its casino, bar, two cafes, mini-mart, laundry, and swimming pool—

across the street from the lively **Stateline Saloon & Cafe**, and a short drive from an **all-things-alien-themed truck stop**.



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[BEATTY / RHYOLITE] From old west shootouts along the streets of Beatty to the desolate silence of Rhyolite Ghost Town, you'll feel as if you've stepped back in time, to the days when outlaws like Billy the Kid ran a muck. The gunslingers that walk these streets today are just having fun, and while reenactments of old west shootouts are a daily occurrence, you'll find nothing but friendly folks and plenty of adventure to be had.

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A STATE APART.

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Beavertail Cactus, Pahrump, NV

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Art looks good on every state... but in Nevada, it just fits.

Nevada is full of talented traditional artists, with a long list of galleries and museums to show for it. **But for some reason, on US-95 between Las Vegas and Reno, there's a lot of stuff that's just pretty dang out there—in more ways than one—which is exactly why we dig it.**

From colorful murals livening up entire neighborhoods and galleries filled with all manner of media, to kinetic public sculptures our kids (OK, and plenty of us adults) can climb on, to **odd-ball objects rising from the desert floor**...there is certainly enough **eye-catching, camera-hogging art** to grace Nevada's urban districts, small towns, and even natural spaces with an exciting extra layer of flavor.

So whether you're livening up a Vegas-Reno run or treating your "palate" to an abstract adventure, be ready to **get face-to-face with some of the most unique, unrestrained—or as we like to say—"free-range" art you may ever encounter.**

475 miles [765 km]

Las Vegas to
Tonopah to Reno

7 hours

RENO

From 120-ish commissioned murals illuminating every street corner and dozens of "post-Playa" sculptures to

See what mural-acious things happen when your whole town's a canvas on pg. 108-109

town-wide celebrations like **Sculpture Fest, Off Beat Music Fest**, and the month-long, 500-event **Artown**, discover why those creative types keep flocking to the unabashedly artist-friendly Biggest Little City.

Photo courtesy of Reno-Tahoe

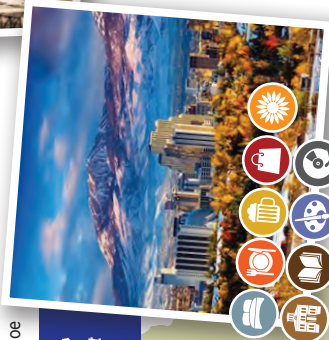
TURN TO LEARN...
...how to seize the moment
in Reno Right Now.



TONOPAH

Several murals blanket Tonopah—"Queen of the Silver Camps"—which still brims with taste, especially at the lavish **Mizpah Hotel** (still swanky after all 110 years) and

Tonopah Brewing Co., where a Stinky Porter pairs perfectly with house-smoked brisket.



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see
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INTERNATIONAL CAR FOREST OF THE LAST CHURCH

Artists and other guest "contributors" continue to leave their mark at this ever-changing installation, a sprawling garden of vehicles stacked and sticking out of the ground—the largest of its kind in the US.



LAS VEGAS ARTS DISTRICT

Because, no—Vegas isn't all casinos and buffets (unless you want it to be).

TURN TO LEARN...
...about this vibrant 18-block hub of galleries, studios, hip bars, vintage shops, and other art-driven telltales of this blossoming local scene.



Hawthorne

Tonopah

Goldfield

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LAS VEGAS

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SEVEN MAGIC MOUNTAINS

Rising conspicuously from the desert outside Vegas are seven 11-story-tall rock pillars, whose fluorescently-painted boulders gleam against their natural mountain backdrop—a Nevada bucket-lister, for sure.



When you get to Reno, visit the amazing Nevada Museum of Art, the org propping up this monolithic installation. pg. 104



ROCKET BOB'S "ART CARS"

To Burners, "Art Car" could mean a giant five-ton-truck-mounted, music-bumping space whale

The road to Black Rock City is paved (and unpaved) with creativity and natural beauty. Hit the Burner Byway on pg. 48-49



swimming across the Playa. To Rocket Bob, it's all about the details (thousands of them) on his automotive canvases, permanently parked on Goldfield's main drag.

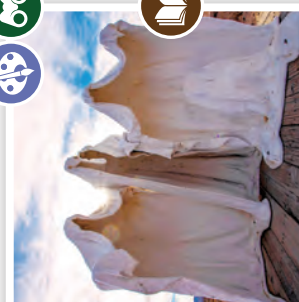
GOLDWELL OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Just outside of Rhyolite Ghost

Ghost towns? We've got hundreds. Start with a fistful on pg. 88-89



Town, wander among a ghostly life-sized Last Supper, a 24-foot-tall miner (and his trusty penguin), a towering cinder block lady, and more at one of Earth's most unique galleries—created by Belgian artists in the 1980s.



Creep over to pg. 62-65 to eyeball more

#WEIRDNEVADA

YERINGTON THEATER FOR THE ARTS & JEANNE DINI CULTURAL CENTER

When an arts-hungry rural collective grew tired of running shows out of gyms, old warehouses, and other makeshift spaces, locals rehabilitated a grammar school building into this incredible arts center, which now hosts dozens of performances, gallery exhibits, and a super-cute breakfast café.

Photo courtesy of Yerington Theater & Cultural Center



TURN TO LEARN...
...where to find more "art-of-the-state" spots around Nevada.



TURN TO LEARN...

THE DIFFERENT SHADES OF 18B LAS VEGAS ARTS DISTRICT



Welcome to the Vegas your pals never noticed from their bachelor party suite: **the Las Vegas Arts District**, also known as “18b”—the 18-block neighborhood and community vision that’s shaping the city’s character with its self-described “cultural explosion” of art galleries, funky antique shops and boutiques, chic cafés and bars, and a totally fresh, locally-driven flavor.

GALLERIES GALORE

Art galleries and studios line 18b’s backbone, producing and exhibiting a wide range of styles and media, from surrealist paintings and ceramics to fine art and photography.

HEART AND SOUL

Right in the geographic and cultural heart of the district, pop into **The Arts Factory**, a converted warehouse where you can ogle art, try on jewelry, catch a poetry reading, or grab a libation. Then head across the street to **Art Square** for another helping of it all, in restored vintage buildings that also house the intimate **Cockroach Theatre Co.**, a swanky cocktail lounge, and even a wedding chapel (because Vegas).

GRAFFITI ART GALLERY ALLEY

With commissioned murals coating more and more businesses, this pair of multi-block, free-for-all outdoor canvases host a constant stream of naturally-replenishing street art.

Brush Up On Reno!



If 18b catches your eye, so will Reno’s everywhere-you-look murals, dozens of retired Burning Man sculptures, and the hundreds of other public art pieces anchoring its rebirth as one of the nation’s hottest destinations for artists to visit, live, and thrive. Head to pg. 50 for Reno Right Now.

ANTIQUE ALLEY

More than 20 independent shops sell retro furniture, vintage clothing, antiques, and other nifty wares—many oozing with the essence of the city’s bygone eras. Get lost in **Antique Alley Mall** or browse the museum-like **Retro Vegas** for casino castoffs and other mid-mod swag. Get outfitted for the occasion with new-to-you duds from **Glam Factory Vintage** or the decidedly pin-up chic **Rockin’ Bettie**.

BARS & BISTROS

It may not be the Strip, but it’s definitely still Vegas, so be sure to show up hungry and thirsty. With endless choices—from street tacos to haute cuisine, artisanal cocktails to siphon coffee—the cuisine scene here is as dynamic as the art. Try **Nevada Taste Site** for “Nevada-inspired” recipes and 20+ NV-brewed beers on draught; **Jammyland** for jerk chicken on the patio of a “Cocktail Bar & Reggae Kitchen,” and, of course, **ReBAR**—equal parts hip drinkery and retro furniture boutique. It may well be “the only bar where everything’s for sale!”

ReBAR, Photo courtesy of ReBAR



FIRST FRIDAY

This long-standing monthly festival, Las Vegas’ premier arts and cultural event, draws around 15,000 visitors to one big district-wide block party, revolving around food, drink, live music, visual performances, and artists showing off their creations. **Preview Thursday** happens the day before, allowing serious art lovers to mingle with artists and browse without the crowds.



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ALL ROADS LEAD TO NEVADA ART



...Not just *this* road trip. Add *art to your itinerary* in every wing of the Silver State.



ST. MARY'S ART CENTER VIRGINIA CITY

Established in 1964, the Comstock's premier art gallery and creative space supports events, workshops, retreats, a year-round resident artist program, and seven galleries across four floors of an 1876 historical landmark hospital building.



DUNCAN LITTLE CREEK GALLERY & BAR | ELKO

The heart of Elko's edgier-than-you-mighta-think arts scene hosts an ever-changing, every-wall gallery featuring art of all media, including from the vivacious Wild Women Artists collective.

RENAISSANCE VILLAGE & ART BANK | ELY

In its 20th year as a designated arts district, 20 murals and sculptures line Ely's historic downtown, while a former bank building harbors permanent collections and a converted vault gallery of for-sale paintings, jewelry, photography, and more.

OATS PARK ART CENTER FALLON

Class up your trip with this restored schoolhouse's 350-seat performing arts theater, rotating art exhibits in three museum-style galleries, and the Art Bar, a delightfully Old-West-meets-urban café.

MESQUITE FINE ARTS CENTER MESQUITE

Possibly the un-stuffiest fine art gallery ever, this center reps nearly 200 regional artists, with monthly rotating exhibits, lectures, and classes.

*What can we say? Nevada's an **inspiring place**.*

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ANNUAL EVENTS

Jim Butler Days, Summer Rodeo, Blacksmithing Classes, Nevada State Mining Championships, Themed Wine Walks, Ghost Walks, Starry Nights Arts Festival

PLACES TO VISIT

Tonopah Historic Mining Park, Historic Downtown, Stargazing Park, Central Nevada Museum, Haunted Old Tonopah Cemetery, Tonopah Speedway



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Let's face it: Interstate 80 is a ribbon of highway most motorists expect to blast down, pedal-to-the-metal, on their way to somewhere, well... else.

Which is why they're all missing out.

Next time you're on it, enjoy those sections with 80 MPH speed limits. **But when you see a town, SLOW DOWN.** Because just down that offramp you'll discover lively, welcoming communities whose western roots still proudly show, and not simply because ranching and gold mining remain ways of life here today.

It certainly ain't all cowboys out here—Basque and American Indian traditions shine bright, too—but with guest ranches, art galleries, poetry festivals, and even pale ales all celebrating buckaroo tradition, few routes brim with as many of Nevada's western cultural legacies—and plenty of present-day attractions, too—as noticeably as the one we like to call the Cowboy Corridor.



400 miles [645 km]

Reno to West Wendover

5.75 hours

   **#CowboyCorridor #NVRoadTrip**



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/Cowboy-Corridor

WINNEMUCCA

Equal parts museum and shrine, the **Buckaroo Hall of Fame** honors the Great Basin's "Legendary Buckaroos"—some of whom likely saddled up at nearby **Tip's Western Wear & Custom Saddlery**, and all of whom probably ate steaks at **Ormachea's** and big Basque dinners at the historic **Martin Hotel**.



LOVELOCK

In front of the nation's last circular courthouse, couples help Lovelock live up to its name by "locking their love" to a never-ending chain. From here a 20-mile Backcountry Byway carries you to **Lovelock Cave**, an ancient shelter that



Meet Legendary Nevadan Mike Williams, modern master of this ancient craft, on pg. 66-69



housed nearly 10,000 artifacts, including the world's oldest **tule duck decoys** (c. 400 BC).

TURN TO LEARN...  **...the lowdown on Nevada's best rodeos.**

RENO

Despite being Nevada's largest (and hippest) northern city, Reno still embraces its western heritage. Boot up at the **D Bar M Western Store** on your way to celebrate the **Reno Rodeo's 100th birthday**, then head to **Louis' Basque Corner** for a round of picon punches.



ELKO

Northeastern Nevada's biggest town is a confluence of Western cultures and a gateway to both the Ruby Mountains and some of Nevada's most surprising and untamed wilderness.

TURN TO LEARN, PG. 42... →
Take a closer look at Elko.



CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

As you plan the next leg of your own adventure, get some inspiration from the pioneers who endured the 2,000-mile trek west at this fascinating, interactive interpretive center. Trust us: you'll never think about "seeing the elephant" the same way.



TURN TO LEARN... →
"Basque" You Say? Discover this fascinating (and tasty) part of Nevada's heritage on the next page.

Winnemucca



Lovelock

Battle Mountain



Rather get off the road and onto a trail, peak, slope, or alpine lake? Check out the Rubies Route on pg. 40-41

Elko

Wells

West Wendover

WEST WENDOVER

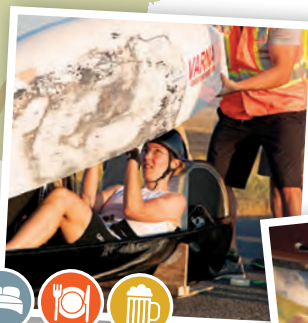
Wave back at **Wendover Will**, the 63-foot-tall neon cowboy welcoming you to this border-straddling community, home to the **Historic Wendover Airfield Museum**, several casinos boasting top-bill concert showrooms and spas, and the nearby **Bonneville Salt Flats**, America's foremost land speed proving grounds.

Concerts... sound good? Tune up on pg. 110-111



BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Each September, engineers from around the globe flock to this town's perfectly flat tarmac, hoping to break records in the **World Human Powered Speed Challenge** (currently: 89.59 MPH). Meanwhile, the Cassorla Brothers offer their personal product (and expertise) at the **Roller Coaster Fireworks Outlet** and "mini-museum" year-round.



WESTERN FOLKLIFE CENTER

Poetry. Music. Cowboys? Gear up for the **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering**, on pg. 112-115

Situated in the unmistakable old Pioneer Hotel, this unique institution is most famous for hosting the **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering** each January, but also houses a gallery with international exhibits, an artsy gift shop, a restored saloon, and events ranging from dance classes to cigar box guitar building workshops.

Get more only-in-Nevada events on your calendar on pg. 112-115

→ TURN TO LEARN...

When in Basque Country...
Keep your eyes peeled for the
lauburu, a symbol of unity with
deep old-world roots.



BASQUE-ING IN NORTHERN NEVADA CULTURE



It's never long before a new visitor to northern Nevada finds themselves face-to-face with a family-style Basque dinner—or at least mouth-to-glass with their first picon punch—either at the behest of a friendly local or on strict orders from a friend with a big enough heart (and stomach) to make sure this requisite regional meal does not get skipped.

But what is Basque and why is that word all over the place up here?

Hailing from a mountainous New Jersey-sized region straddling France and Spain, the Basque people came first for gold and later, in the early 20th century, to put their sheepherding skills to use in northern Nevada's rugged hills and mountains. It was a tough job, with many months spent in solitude herding thousands

of sheep, but the Basques earned a reputation for dependability.

When they made it to town for supplies (or an off-season), they headed for the familiarity of Basque-run boarding houses where they could speak their unique language, eat, and drink with their fellow countrymen.

It was a hard lifestyle and many Basques went home. But those who stayed held onto their culture, weaving it into the fabric of their communities for generations to come, and its fingerprints are still highly visible today.

NATIONAL BASQUE FESTIVAL



Celebrate with traditional music and dancing, woodchopping competitions, and chances aplenty to sample ethnic cuisine washed down with a picon... or three! July 5-7, Elko.

Dates subject to change.





THE MARTIN | Carson City
Photo by Rielynn Grace Photography



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The Star | Elko

THE PICON PUNCH

Nevada's Unofficial State Drink

*"The first two are the picon,
the third is the punch!"*



LOUIS' BASQUE CORNER | Reno
Photo by David Calvert

CUISINE



Getting peckish? Scope great eats
all over the state on pg. 98-101

From chorizo and steak sandwiches at the bar to multi-course dinner house affairs featuring mains like lamb chops, huge steaks, and sweetbreads, and sides like oxtail soup and french fries, it's hard to leave hungry.

RENO

Louis' Basque Corner

WINNEMUCCA

The Martin Hotel (*The original,
built in 1898*)

Ormachea's Dinner House

ELKO

Toki Ona | The Star | Ogi Deli

CARSON CITY

Villa Basque Café

The Martin Hotel 

GARDNERVILLE

J.T. Basque Restaurant & Dining Room

FALLON

Overland Hotel & Saloon

*"One's plenty, two's too much,
and three's not enough!"*

These and plenty of other more, shall we say, colorful sayings (ask a local...) tell you a lot about this boozy-then-bitter-then-sweet liqueur-based cocktail, the small-but-mighty picon (**PEE-khan**) punch—Nevada's unofficial state drink. You'll love this sippable rite of passage, whether you like it or not!

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→ TURN TO LEARN...

COWBOY UP

Looking to earn your spurs? Nevada is one of the last places people can still legitimately claim “buckaroo” as their job title. And from friendly competition between local ranch teams to the world championship event, we’ve got the rodeo chops to prove it.

Anniversaries? See pg. 115 to save the date!

Reno Rodeo—Centennial Event

June 20-29

Nothing hollers tradition like a 100th anniversary. 150,000 fans a year have yet to be wrong about 10 full days of Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association sanctioned bull riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, a cattle drive down the streets of Reno, and more.

Virginia City Rodeo & Fiesta Del Charro

August 24-25

Don your cowboy hat... or sombrero! Cheer on all your favorite events and get cultured on rodeo's heritage with Nevada's only Fiesta Del Charro. Get up close and personal with bull riders, wild broncs, escaramuzas, dancing horses, trick ropers and all the incredible sights, sounds, and tastes of a classic Hispanic rodeo.



Photo by Ronele Dotson/RAD Strategies

VIRGINIA CITY RODEO & FIESTA DEL CHARRO

Winnemucca Ranch Hand Rodeo

February 27-March 3

These guys and gals don't just compete in rodeo—they live it. This five-day slew of events brings over 30 top teams of real-life working ranch hands together to out-buckaroo each other and celebrate the life and culture of the Great Basin cowboy. This year also happens to be the event's **30th anniversary party**, so expect things to get particularly buck wild.



SILVER STATE STAMPEDE



WINNEMUCCA RANCH HAND RODEO

Silver State Stampede—Elko

July 12-14

Nevada's oldest rodeo began in 1913 when G.S. Garcia—co-founder of J.M. Capriola's—decided the buckaroos of northern Nevada needed a rodeo, and so began what has become, not just a rodeo but a full-on party, with a well-deserved motto: *The Legend Lives On.*



GET IN GEAR



Forgot to pack your fitted Stetson hat, Nevada-sized belt buckle, and favorite boots? These longtime purveyors of western wear will get you outfitted right.

D Bar M Western Store
Reno

Andy's Western Shop
Ely

Old Red Garter
Virginia City

A Bar L Western Store
Tonopah

Tip's Western Wear & Custom Saddlery
Winnemucca

Kemo Sabe
Las Vegas

J.M. Capriola Co.
Elko

Pinto Ranch
Las Vegas

J.M. CAPRIOLA CO.



Wrangler National Finals Rodeo—Las Vegas

December 5-14

Sin City's cowboys ain't all neon. Since 1985, this season-ending championship event for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association—the world's richest and most prestigious pro rodeo—has gone down right off the Strip.

Dates subject to change.

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experience



Photo BLM Nevada



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THE RUBIES ROUTE



With warm and welcoming Elko as your hub, let the wild spokes of the Rubies Route connect you to real-deal western cultures, epic outdoor playgrounds, and all-to-yourself scenic treasures.

Adorned with alpine peaks, lakes and flowing streams, tree-lined canyons, and horizon-chasing, high-desert valleys, Elko County is vast and varied, with the **Ruby Mountains** as its stunning centerpiece. Often likened to the Swiss Alps, their steep, craggy terrain spikes up past 11,000 feet (3,350 m), only to be united by the aspen-studded, creek-harboring, glacier-carved slice of paradise that is **Lamoille Canyon**.

Naturally, **the range of recreational opportunities is as wide as the landscapes**, enticing adventurers with hiking, backpacking, cycling (both on and way, way off the pavement), big-game hunting (the elk are gargantuan), and fishing so good it's almost unfair. Come winter, the Rubies boast **300 inches of the driest, fluffiest snow in the USA**—seducing snowshoers, snowmobilers, and powder-hungry backcountry and heli-skiers alike.



Elko to...

Lamoille Canyon
30 miles [48 km]

Angel Lake
60 miles [95 km]

Ruby Lake NWR
60-90 miles [95-145 km]

Jarbridge (via highway)
195 miles [315 km]

Jarbridge (via seasonal route)
105 miles [170 km]



TURN TO LEARN: →
Flip the page for a closer look at the town of Elko.

BASECAMP: ELKO!

Get the background on this gateway to your Rubies Route adventure, where you'll find every service you could hope for, hearty Basque delis and dinner houses, art inspired by the region's beauty, a lively local music and bar scene, heritage-rich museums, 24-hour casino entertainment, and abundant, comfortable lodging.



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/The-Rubies-Route



#TheRubiesRoute #NVRoadTrip



SOUTH FORK STATE RECREATION AREA

Just 16 miles south of town is this 1,650-acre scenic stunner, ideal for camping, trophy-class trout and bass fishing (and ice fishing), boating, swimming, wildlife viewing, and—especially around sunset—an unbeatable view that'll help you see why they call those mountains the "Rubies."

JIGGS BAR

About an hour south of Elko, **Jiggs' entire population once fit into a Volkswagen van for an ad (below)**. Today, you'll find them and travelers enjoying cold libations, friendly conversation, and unusual taxidermy at 70-year-old Jiggs Bar—the coziest (and only) gathering place in the Mound Valley.



Photo courtesy of Northeastern Nevada Museum

JARBIDGE

Site of one of the last American gold rushes (and stagecoach robberies), this decidedly Wild Western town (population: between 11 and 100) is your gateway to the **Jarbridge**

Wilderness—one of the most spectacular and truly remote corners of the state... and country.

TravelNevada Pro Tip: The dirt pass from Elko only gets plowed once a year (for their mighty July 4th bash) and snows in as early as October, so check all travel conditions before you go. Otherwise, take the paved way around... through a small slice of Idaho.

Jar-who? Meet the literal legend the town is named after on pg. 66-69



Like What You See?

Locals know this place is gorgeous and, luckily, many of them have the talent to capture it on film, canvas, and more. Take home proof from the gift shops at the **Western Folklife Center** and the **Northeastern Nevada Museum**, off the walls lining many local businesses, or (even tastier yet) as you sip house-roasted espresso at **Cowboy Joe** or some of the state's most inspired cocktails at the **Duncan LittleCreek Gallery & Bar**.

RUBY MOUNTAIN BREWING CO.

Forget touristy tasting rooms and seen-one-seen-'em-all tours. Show up to the Saffords' working ranch—a rustic beer lover's oasis for over 20 years—and enjoy



For more great brewed-in-Nevada suds, flip to pg. 100-101

some small-but-mighty, award-winning beers, possibly till the cows literally come home.



Jarbridge

Wells

ELKO

Lamoille

Jiggs



RUBY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

In this panorama of watery grandeur on the backside of the **Rubies**, it's easy to spend a day fishing, trying to spot the 220 species of birds who take refuge here, or navigating the labyrinthine marshlands by canoe or kayak.

TravelNevada Pro Tip: Check to see if Harrison Pass is open (the Jiggs Bar folks usually know). If not, stick to the pavement on NV-229 out of Halleck.



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LAMOILLE CANYON

This glacier-sculpted sanctuary in the heart of the **Ruby**

Mountains—AKA America's Alps—harbors some of the best hiking, camping, fishing, horseback riding, and off-grid alpine solace-seeking this side of the Rockies. It's also your staging grounds for the **Ruby Crest Trail**.

Looking to drown some worms? Check out pg. 80-81 our angling advice.



TURN TO LEARN...

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ELKO: GUARDIANS OF TRADITION

Originally built in 1869 to service the brand-new First Transcontinental Railroad (celebrating its 150th anniversary this year), the town soon became a base for gold and silver mining, as well as raising livestock.

Buckaroos punched cattle on big ranches and surrounding lands, while shepherders drove flocks up to higher elevations—a tough job that ultimately drew hundreds of Basques from Spain and France.

Elko... at its museums, in its restaurants' menus and cocktail glasses, and at its annual events, like the **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering**, the **National Basque Festival**, and the **Elko Band Powwow**.

Elko wears its heritage on its sleeve.

Those jobs and those cultures—as well as that of the Western Shoshone, whose ancestors have long called the region home—are all still around, their influences visible throughout

the telltale safety flags of mining employees. Where cowboys cruise around in flat-brimmed, buckaroo-style hats and colorful “wild rags.” Where Shoshone don ornate regalia for dances and create

Elko is by all means a modern town. But it's also still a place where pickup trucks rock

dazzling traditional crafts and artwork. And where just about everyone comes together to sip picons at **Machi's**, munch steak sandwiches at **Toki Ona**, and chow down on family-style lamb chops and T-bones at **The Star Hotel**.

If you want to know what the future of tradition ought to look like, come to Elko. But be warned: people here are damn friendly. So forget what your parents told you and show up ready to talk to a stranger or ten.

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

Ruby 360 Lodge

The “360” part is no joke. And, situated on the very toe of the range, neither is the “Ruby” part. In 2017, 40 years after launching **Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience**, their world-renowned helicopter skiing guide service, Joe and Francy Royer opened their dream-fulfilling chalet to host skiers, weddings, events, and group travelers.

Red's Ranch

This ain't your typical guest ranch, dude. Built on a patch of a 100-acre ranch at the foot of Lamoille Canyon, this 10-bedroom, 11,000 square-foot mountain lodge pairs plush hospitality with exquisite cuisine and dazzling scenery—a luxurious haven to retire to after a day recreating in the

Rubies, on a tour, or simply enjoying the property.

Ruby Yurts

If being super-close isn't close enough, take a hike, mule team—or best yet, helicopter—to the **Ruby High Yurt**, perched on 9,700-ft (3000 m) Conrad Creek Ridge and surrounded by wilderness; just be prepared to hoof it or ski back down. Or take it easy and park the car at the **Conrad Low Yurt**, nestled amongst an aspen forest and a bubbling creek.



GO FURTHER:

Get a bigger helping of Basque history, culture, and cuisine on pg. 36-37
See where to saddle up to Elko's cowboy character—and the rest of Northern Nevada's—on pg. 38

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2018 ELKO AREA EVENTS:

National Cowboy Poetry Gathering- January 28 thru February 2

Elko Mining Expo-June 3 thru June 7

National Basque Festival-July 5 thru July 7

Silver State Stampede-July 12 thru July 14

Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival-July 26 thru July 28

Ruby Mountain Relay-August 16 thru August 17

Elko County Fair & Horse Races-August 24 thru September 2

Elko Classic Car Show-September 6 thru September 8



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From sandstone canyons to alpine lakes and plenty of history, funky towns, and natural wonders along the way, Nevada's adventurous eastern edge beckons. Explore it all and more on Nevada's Great Basin Highway, which closely follows the path of US-93.

Marked by stunning contrasts around every bend, this trek begins in Las Vegas—the state's largest and most populous city—winding through wide-open country, eight Nevada state parks and several small, historic communities before turning up at remote Great Basin National Park, one of the nation's most striking—yet lesser visited—national parks.

Those who complete the journey are rewarded with millennia-old bristlecone pine trees, Lehman Caves, and sweeping vistas of (or from the top of!) 13,064-foot Wheeler Peak. You'll want to bring your gear, as this road trip is ideal for hiking, mountain biking, swimming, fishing, endless photography, and so much more.

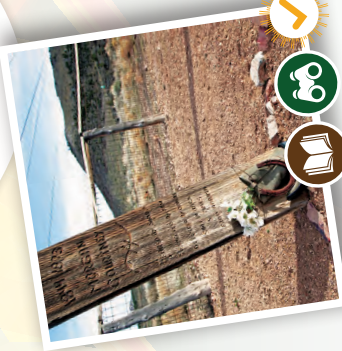
350 miles [565 km]

Las Vegas to Great Basin National Park

5.5 hours

BOOT HILL CEMETERY

Pioche in the 1870s was a young—and lawless—mining town. It is said that the streets ran so red that an astonishing 72 people were laid to rest—with their boots on—before someone actually died of natural causes.



PIOCHE

"Nevada's liveliest ghost town"—actually a community of about 1,000—boasts a historic hotel, the **Million Dollar Courthouse**, classic western saloons, and an oh-so-Nevadan coffee shop/burger bar/art gallery in a 150-year-old workshop.



IG: @INATADVENTURES



WARD CHARCOAL OVENS STATE HISTORIC PARK

This park is home to several photogenic 30-foot-tall, 27-foot-wide, beehive-shaped kilns that provided thousands of bushels of charcoal for the region's mines—and foul-weather hideouts for stagecoach bandits.

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

Take in 13,064-foot (3,982 m) Wheeler Peak—one of Nevada's tallest—as you approach Great Basin National Park. Lehman Caves and ancient bristlecone pines are just some of the must-sees here.



TURN TO LEARN...
...more about the crown jewel of this road trip.

ELY The 27-mile detour to Ely allures with railroad history, murals, mountain biking, and the funky flair of the famously western-chic Hotel Nevada.



Baker

Ely

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK



PAHRANAGAT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Marshes in the Mojave? Yep, the wetlands here draw thousands of migratory birds traveling the Pacific Flyway, as well as other wildlife and rare and endemic fish. Hiking, wildlife viewing, and hunting are among the recreational opportunities.

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, LAS VEGAS

Ah, the glory days of Las Vegas! Peruse 20,000 square feet of history, from the "Showgirl Wall" to the Atomic Age to colorful characters like Howard Hughes and the Rat Pack. Then explore the surrounding **Springs Preserve**, home to interactive exhibits, botanical gardens, and hiking trails.



Browse over to pg. 103-107 for more great Nevada museums



LOST CITY MUSEUM

This state museum offers a glimpse into the life of the ancestral Puebloans, Nevada's first permanent residents.

Swing back in early December for the annual Native American Day & Holiday Open House, featuring dancers, jewelry and crafts vendors, Navajo tacos, and other family-friendly cultural activities at LostCityMuseum.org



CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK

Once completely under water, this sanctuary of eroding fins, slot canyons, and "hoodoos" are a photographer's dream and a hiker's endless playground.



Discover more moment-making Nevada state parks on pg. 72-74



IG: @THEREALLANDO



CALIENTE

Dubbed Nevada's "City of Roses" for its rose bed-lined streets, this former resort town (with the classic Mission Revival-style railroad depot to show for it)



is rolling toward rebirth as a mountain bike mecca, with a new bike skills park and singletrack trail system.



Get up to speed with a pro on pg. 90-91




For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/Great-Basin-Highway



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GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

 *Even in a state so rich in amazing outdoor wonders—and a nation of mesmerizingly diverse national parks—**Great Basin National Park** still manages to stand out.*



WHEELER PEAK

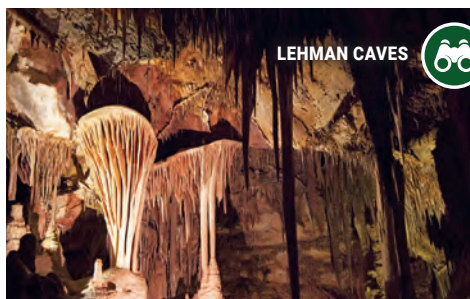


On Nevada's remote central-eastern border, it benefits from a strikingly low number of annual visitors—one of the lowest in the country—which means it is a sanctuary where solitude can still be found and where nature runs wild. Visitors to the park in spring or fall can conceivably hike for hours on backcountry trails without seeing another soul.

Aspen groves shade the mountain streams and shimmer with morning dew.

Bristlecone pine trees, thousands of years old, still grow, gnarled with age.

Lehman Caves awes visitors with an array of colors, patterns, and rare formations forged over many millennia. A scenic paved road takes motorists to the 10,000-foot mark (3,050 m), where they're left to hoof it up to one of Nevada's tallest peaks, 13,064-foot (3,982 m) **Wheeler Peak**, which peers over Nevada's last **glacier**.



LEHMAN CAVES



Love to hike? Check out pg. 76

While the park teems with wildlife, on land and in air, it also tells the story of the geological formation of the western U.S., its waters draining inland into this, the Great Basin. With sights like these, as well as incomparable fishing, hiking, climbing, and more, Great Basin National Park is one Nevada—and American—treasure that should not be missed.



Half the park is after dark!

See **JUST** how just dark we're really talking with this whole "darkest skies in the nation" deal.



ALONG THE WAY...

You may already know about oh-so-iconic Valley of Fire. But go beyond the crowds and let the magic of this road trip emerge among nearly a dozen parks and recreation areas, each defined by its own unique, outstanding features...and likely offering even greater chances to grab onto those majestic, all-to-yourself moments than you might find among some of their more popular, metro-accessible counterparts.



HISTORIC ELGIN
SCHOOLHOUSE
STATE HISTORIC SITE



SPRING VALLEY STATE PARK

Echo Canyon

A 65-acre reservoir flocked to by boaters, anglers, and large birds of prey.

Kershaw-Ryan

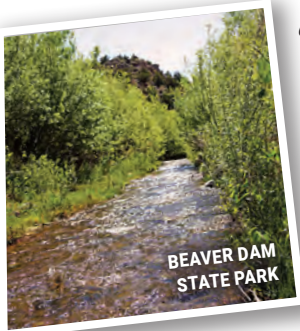
Spring-fed paradise home to lush gardens and easy, literally "gorge-ous" hikes.

Beaver Dam

Nevada's quietest and most remote park rewards the journey with deep canyons, trout-packed streams, waterfalls, and lovely mixed-conifer forests.

Elgin Schoolhouse

A one-room schoolhouse offering a glimpse of frontier Nevada's past with original items and the teacher's quarters.



BEAVER DAM
STATE PARK

Spring Valley

A 58-acre trout-stocked reservoir set against lush pastures, shady camping, stunning cliffs, and stone buildings.



ECHO CANYON STATE PARK



KERSHAW-RYAN STATE PARK



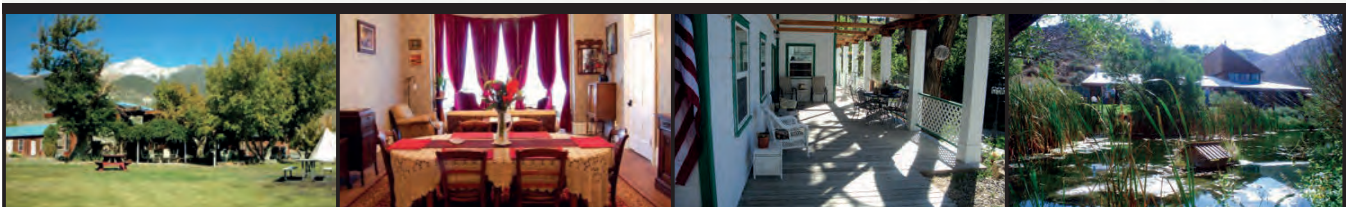
**BUT WAIT,
THERE'S MORE!**

Flip to pg. 72-75 to get the rundown on Nevada's sensational state parks and state recreation areas.

BED & BREAKFASTS OF NEVADA

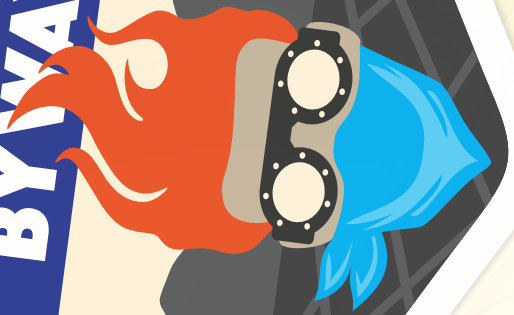
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Staying at a Nevada Bed and Breakfast Guild inn is your key to unlocking the fascinating adventure that is Nevada! Each Nevada B&B invites you to share the wonder of a unique experience in the Silver State! Nevada's B&Bs encompass the diversity of deserts, mountains, lakes and historic central cities. Working ranches and historic ghost towns are homes to exciting B&Bs waiting to share their history and Western lifestyle with visitors. Consider a Nevada B&B for your Nevada wedding, honeymoon, anniversary, personal retreat, adventure holiday, or romantic getaway. No matter where you travel in Nevada, a Nevada B&B is close by, ready to enhance your adventure in the Silver State!



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BURNER BYWAY



Follow the pilgrimage route that Burners take each August on their journey “home” to Burning Man... starting in Reno—home to a Burner-friendly,

art-fueled renaissance—around the quiet, sunset-splashing shores

of Pyramid Lake, and off into the magnificent Black Rock Desert Wilderness, both on the fabled playa and beyond. For a week at the end of each summer, Black Rock City springs to life and, just as quickly, disappears. However, around northwestern Nevada, its spirit never really does.

Over the years, many have taken up their rest-of-the-year residences here, **infusing plenty of the event’s verve into public art, museums, shops, galleries, makers’ spaces, events, and more**, keeping this rich culture—and even its guiding principles—alive year-round... and in turn enriching Nevada’s.

Whether or not you plan on making the journey out to BRC, trace the footsteps of those who do and you’ll discover how Nevada’s do-it-yourself spirit, splendorous wide-open natural spaces, spunky “why not” attitude, and unmatched freedom energizes people to come out here and create something magical.

TURN TO LEARN... →

...more about Burning Man, Nevada’s Experimental Pop-up Metropolis.

120-220 Miles

[200-360 km]

Reno to the Black Rock Desert

2 to 5.5 hours

PYRAMID LAKE

You’ll need more than your camera to take in this crowd-free, underrated scenic jewel. Tahoe-sized vistas, surprising colors, remarkable silence... Throw in some top-notch outdoor recreation and you’ll see why this spot earns at least a stop on the way.

Anglers! Ever heard of a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout? You’re gonna wanna. Flip to pg. 80-81 for the rundown on Nevada’s fishing scene.



GURU ROAD AKA “DOOBY LANE”

Words of wisdom and hand-carved whimsy line this mile-long road to reflection, along with several larger art pieces, including a weather station, Aphrodite, a tribute to Elvis, and the Desert Broadcast System—all the legacy of Gerlach local DeWayne “Doobie” Williams.

PLANET X POTTERY

Just past Gerlach at the toes of the Granite Mountains lies a working pottery and art studio from another dimension, where since 1974 a husband-and-wife team has offered exquisite ceramics and paintings in sprawling ranch-home galleries, many inspired by their splendid surroundings.

TravelNevada Pro Tip: Swing by on Memorial Day or Thanksgiving weekend for the twice-annual, three-day Open House Show & Sale, an all-around pottery party.



BLACK ROCK DESERT

For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/Burner-Byway

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MIDTOWN RENO'S "BURNER BOUTIQUES"

Burner culture has helped spark this colorful neighborhood's revival, replete with amazing local eats, libations, funky shops, and art all over. For vintage duds, wild costumery, or "Playa-ready" garb and accessories, **Melting Pot World Emporium**, **PolyEsther's Costume Boutique**, **Junkee Clothing Exchange**, and **Dick Diamond's Golden Jackal** lead the charge.



Sound like your kind of 'hood? Next time you're down south, be sure to explore 18B: Downtown Las Vegas' art-tastic, retro-centric, ever-evolving cultural district on pg. 32

LAKE TAHOE

NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART

Nevada's sole accredited art museum—the and longtime **Burning Man** partner—the NMA focuses on humans' interaction with our environment, exhibiting

Excited for exhibits? Peruse more Nevada museums on pg. 103-107

works by Nevada, national, and international artists mastering everything from landscape photography to space-bound "satellite art." It's also home to concerts, lectures, and a killer endless mimosa brunch at **Chez-Louie**.



RENO PLAYA ART PARK

Wander amongst curious sculptures and art installations, all of which have retired from The Burn to this recently reclaimed piece of Downtown.

TravelNevada Pro Tip: Visit at night to see them all lit up!



For more out-there art in unrestrained settings, hop on the **Free-Range Art Highway** pg. 30-31

THE GENERATOR

Want to learn to paint? Weld? Build a giant stained-glass mosaic celestial whale? This art/maker/ community space is your place. No matter how long you're in town, all people and skill sets are welcome to visit or help with a creative project—some of which are Playa-bound!

Visit therenogenerator.com for info on events, projects, workshops, and other ways you can get into it.



Nevadans are pretty crafty. See where else on pg. 33



TURN TO LEARN...

RENO RIGHT NOW

The Biggest Little City in the World has come a long way from its Wild Western origins. And seemingly just as far—with its public art obsession, bohemian shops, dynamic music scene, all-the-time events lineup, and local-centric foodie landscape—from its days as “just” a premier casino town.

Don't get us wrong. Downtown Reno's top-notch casino-resorts still serve up the world-class entertainment, grand buffets, spa pamperings, and 24-hour gaming that put this town on the map (long before Vegas, we might add). It's just that, today, they spring up from a sea of coffeehouses, savory cafés, tap rooms, and local shops spread across several walkable neighborhoods, each with its own flavor.

The Reno Riverwalk, along the picturesque Truckee River, is a charming confluence for diners, shoppers, joggers, swimmers, and party-goers of music-packed, street-closing events, like **Artown**, **Sculpture Fest**, and the **Great Eldorado BBQ, Blues & Brews Fest**. Surrounding blocks reveal parks, local theatres, the chic boutiques housed in **The Basement** of the newly reopened **Old Post Office Building**, the cafés and trendy taverns of **California Street**, a lively bar scene around **Greater Nevada Field**,

DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

the hands-on art and maker spaces down **Dickerson Road**, and cultural institutions like the **National Automobile Museum** and **Nevada Museum of Art**.



Check out more Nevada museums on pg. 103-107

And then there's **Midtown**. Here, in Reno's hippest district, the pulse of this town's revivalist spirit beats good and loud. Full of quirky stores, score-filled vintage shops, swanky bistros, and cocktail havens, but also plenty of rockin' music venues, beer halls, tattoo parlors, and ever-changing murals adorning nearly every brick... this formerly—shall we say—grittier, mid-century district feels at once fresh and alive, yet also carefully intent on preserving just enough spunky edge to hold onto its street cred.

But that's just it. Instead of bulldozing the past to “get with the times,” like countless other towns, Reno leverages its old-school charm to make the “right now” feel that much more authentic. The result? On any given day or night, the biggest dilemma Reno-ites may face is choosing which thing NOT to do.



Get a glimpse of Reno's mural scene on pg. 108-109



MIDTOWN EATS



ARTWALK

BURNING MAN — NEVADA'S EXPERIMENTAL POP-UP METROPOLIS

Some people think Burning Man is just some wild, dusty hippie party in the desert. And if that's your thing, have fun. But the truth is, there's a helluva lot more to it...

For one week, the vast, flat, otherwise-empty Black Rock Desert playa becomes the state's third-largest urban area: Black Rock City, whose city blocks are populated with everything from small tents to theme-camp compounds done up as cafés, discotheques, day spas, viking mess halls, you name it—most in structures you'd never believe weren't there a few days ago—and won't be in just a few more.

Open Playa serves as a stage for performers, a dance hall for musicians, and a blank canvas for artists and makers to come build some of the most innovative, technologically-advanced, largest-scale, and objectively boundary-redefining artworks on Earth... all in a place where full participation is highly encouraged.

But let's be clear: Burning Man is hardly a “tourist attraction.”

Sure, it sells tickets. But that doesn't mean you can just show up and rock out—not even close. Preparation takes weeks (often longer) and, done poorly, can result in one seriously bad trip.

It can be a life-changing experience, a family reunion, a celebration of freedom and self-expression, a funeral pyre for norms and social baggage... all of the above and more, often at the same time. The beauty of the whole thing is, as long as you've got what it takes to get there, be there, and let the thing truly happen... **whatever you want it to be, it will be.**

Into it? Head to burningman.org to find out more.

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a wide-brimmed white hat and a denim vest over a patterned scarf, is smiling and holding an Ace of Spades playing card in her mouth. She is also holding the card with her hand, which has several rings on it. The background is a warm, out-of-focus indoor setting.

PUT ON SOME ATTITUDE. TAKE OFF THE HESITATION.

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EXTRATERRESTRIAL HIGHWAY

The alleged home of recovered alien spacecraft, extraterrestrial technology, and maybe even a few little green men on the federal payroll, one thing is for sure: when you pilot your vessel along the **wide-open roads** through this **scenic**, otherworldly wilderness with that warm wind in your hair (or antennae), you'll appreciate why a visitor would travel across the galaxy to enjoy **this kind of freedom**.

Whether you depart civilization in Tonopah or make the "Kessel Run" up from Las Vegas (itself a different planet in some folks' view), prepare to train your eyes on alien-themed everything—from curios to murals to vodka—and open your ears to glorious conversation with the friendly humans who don't need a phone to call these lovably odd locales home.



150 miles [240 km]

Alamo to Tonopah

2.25 hours



AREA 51: Don't Be A Space Invader

Area 51 does exist (officially now). It's also part of an active military base, patrolled and guarded by some of the heaviest security on Earth or anywhere else. That means what it's NOT is a tourist attraction. **If you find yourself close by, obey all posted signs and don't even think about trespassing. You will be caught and you will be prosecuted.** And let's be real, no selfie is worth that kind of headache.

TONOPAH HISTORIC MINING PARK

Located on the site of the original mining claims that launched the rush to the "Queen of the Silver Camps," this 100-acre park features free exhibits and self-guided tours around original equipment, buildings, and shafts dug deep into Planet Earth. (Guided tours are well worth your \$5.)



See more Nevada museums on pg. 103-107



TONOPAH BREWING CO.

Out-of-this-world brisket and other tasty barbecue staples complement craft beers—named

after the more terrestrial-bound riches surrounding the historic mining community—at this combination smokehouse and on-site brewery, a welcome site to travelers from around the universe.



Care for another? See where else to take a load off on pg. 100-101



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see TravelNevada.com/ET-Highway



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RACHEL

Population 54 according to 2010 US Census data (but maybe closer to 100, depending who you ask), Rachel's proximity to Area 51 has earned it legendary status in the hearts of "UFOlogists," as well as on the screens of many films, TV shows, and video games.

E.T. FRESH JERKY

After savoring samples of "Teriyaki Time Travel," "Hell Hole Hot," and other jerky specialties, peruse kitschy wares, pose with life-size local out-of-towners in funky murals, and be sure to "drop your toxic waste in the cleanest restrooms in Area 51."



TO DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

TO LAS VEGAS

LITTLE A'LE'INN

Naturally, the closest bar, grill, and motel to Area 51 serves up Alien Burgers, all manner of UFO-themed merchandise, a tow truck rescuing a broke-down UFO and other fun photo-ops, and plenty of stories.



If you're hungry, your stomach's in the right state. Get more tips on where to grab a bite on pg. 98-99



ET HIGHWAY SIGN

Stop the car—this sign pic is mandatory. Fun fact: Route 375 was officially dedicated the "Extraterrestrial Highway" in conjunction with the release of the Will Smith classic "Independence Day" in 1996.

ALIEN RESEARCH CENTER

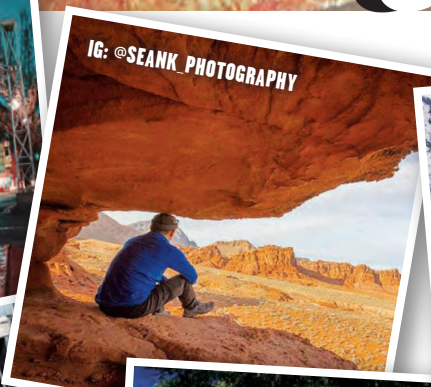
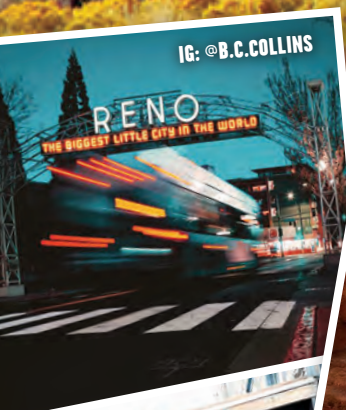
When you spot the giant silver space dude guarding the Quonset hut—likely from miles away—you've got the right place. Stop in for an impressive array of UFO-related literature, Area 51 t-shirts, souvenirs, "alien agave" tequila tastings, and other perhaps-not-so-earthly delights.

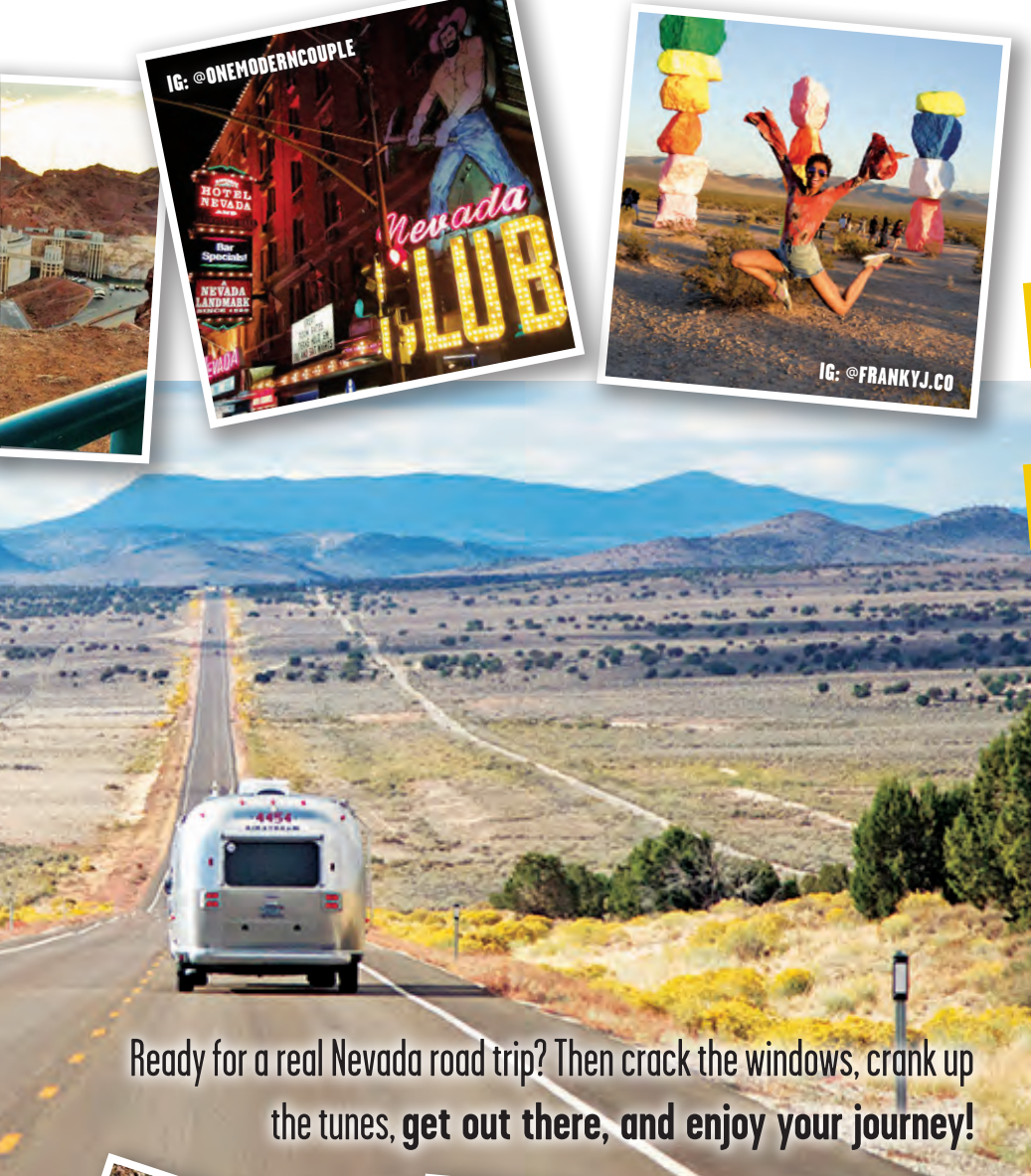




You're about to find plenty of reasons to blow up your friends' social media feeds. Whether you're sharing a FOMO-inducing selfie or some seriously **#NOFILTER-WORTHY** slice of scenery, be sure to use your Road Trip's unique hashtag (see previous pages) so you can rub virtual elbows with your fellow voyagers, or any of our other go-tos, so we can live vicariously through your Silver State shenanigans!

#NVROADTRIP ON BLAST





HASH IT OUT!

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Our **general anything-goes #** for road tripping the Silver State.

OH, DID WE MENTION?

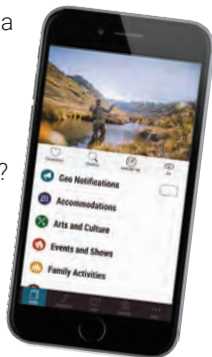
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NEVADA INSPIRATIONS

Getting Old-Schooled on

Vintage Vegas

FREMONT STREET



GOLDEN STEER STEAK HOUSE

By **Lorraine Hunt-Bono** | *Adventurer*

Las Vegas, known world-wide as the most exciting modern entertainment destination on the planet, also has a fascinating and varied history.

While much of Las Vegas has been renovated into contemporary resorts and progressive architecture, history-hungry travelers can still experience a taste of a time when the Rat Pack and big bands ruled the stages, neon was new, and Las Vegas was the center of glamour and intrigue.

HISTORY-HUNGRY TRAVELERS CAN
STILL EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF A TIME
WHEN THE RAT PACK AND BIG BANDS
RULED THE STAGES.

DAY ONE

(Hint... Arrive on Thursday Night)

Arrive on a Thursday night and make your first stop **The Bootlegger Bistro**—my family's restaurant. Adorned with authentic photos of legendary Las Vegas entertainers, it features live cabaret-style music every night paired with family-style Italian fare, as it has since 1972. The secret sauce for its longevity? For one, the kitchen is still run by our 100-year-old matriarch, Maria Perry. All reasons the restaurant was highlighted in the "Jazz & Nostalgia" episode of *Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown—Las Vegas*.

For a truly classic Las Vegas lodging experience, check in to one of the downtown hotels such as the **El Cortez** (the longest continuously running hotel and casino in Las Vegas), the **Golden Gate** (Las Vegas' very first hotel), or any of the hotels on Fremont Street.

DAY TWO

Start the day at the **Neon Museum**. Here you'll find an incredible collection of fabulous neon signs. The visitor's center is housed in the historic La Concha Motel



NEON MUSEUM



THE BOOTLEGGERS BISTRO

YOU JUST DON'T FIND PLACES LIKE THIS ANYMORE.

lobby that jettisons visitors back in time with its mid-century, Atomic-Age vibe. Plan to spend at least an hour taking the tour and exploring the Boneyard.

Make your next stop the **Mob Museum**.

Located in the heart of downtown, it showcases both sides of the notorious battle between organized crime and law enforcement, here in Las Vegas and around the US. See and hear the stories of infamous mob bosses including Al Capone, Lucky Luciano, Whitey Bulger, and the man whose name is synonymous with Las Vegas, Bugsy Siegel.



Browse over to pg. 103-107 for more great Nevada museums

Next, make a stop at the **Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas**, which offers a comprehensive and interactive look at the history of Las Vegas, from American Indian settlements to the rise of the casino industry.

Then, head down Flamingo Road to the **National Atomic**



Learn about this bombshell of a chapter in Nevada's history on pg. 60-61

Testing Museum. Back in the '50s, Las Vegas used to take a long lunch—first to eat a sandwich, then to watch a bomb explode. Surreal, yes...fascinating,

absolutely. With more than 12,000 interactive displays, stories and videos, the museum educates visitors about the truly unique nuclear Atomic Age history found in Las Vegas.

In the evening, venture back downtown to enjoy dinner at one of the classic Las Vegas steakhouses on **Fremont Street**. **Hugo's Cellar at the Four Queens Hotel** take diners back to the days of martinis, cigars, and great steaks. You just don't find places like this anymore. (The '60s glitz of the **Golden Steer**—Vegas' oldest steakhouse—on Sahara Avenue gets our mouths watering, too!)

Enjoy a nighttime stroll along Fremont Street, with the canopy of lights, unbeatable people-watching, and several fun vintage shops, bars, and casinos. You might also want to take in a performance at **The Smith Center for the Performing Arts**. This spectacular Art Deco venue hosts world-renowned musical performances, Broadway shows, and is home of the **Nevada Ballet Theater** and the **Las Vegas Philharmonic**.

Out late? If you've worked up an appetite (or are simply cushioning your morning), some of the classic casino dining halls on the west end of Fremont Street still reel in hungry revelers with dirt-cheap "Graveyard Specials" on steak dinners and more.

DAY THREE

Start the day with one of Las Vegas' iconic buffet breakfasts. Take the rest of the morning to explore the newly renovated downtown Las Vegas and immerse yourself in the cultural renaissance that's happening throughout the vibrant, growing area, starting with the **Container Park**.

By lunchtime make sure you've moseyed over to the nearby **Las Vegas Arts District "18B"** centered along Charleston and Main



More about the Las Vegas Arts District "18B" on pg. 32

Streets to meet working artists and peruse galleries, many of which are open Sunday afternoon. Several area restaurants are known for their fresh, delicious cuisine.

Before the sun sets, drive through the mid-century modern (MCM) architecture of the homes in **Paradise Palms**. This neighborhood, off of East Desert Inn, epitomizes the iconic style of Las Vegas in the 1960s. ♦



THE MOB MUSEUM

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FIVE MIND- BLOWING GLIMPSES OF ATOMIC NEVADA



Hit up all seven of Nevada's state museums on pg. 106-107



1

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM LAS VEGAS

While visiting the Nevada State Museum Las Vegas, located at the lovely **Springs Preserve**, browse over to an exhibit tackling the history and development of the atomic military program and its cultural impacts—from a Nevadan perspective. Other exhibits include ancient fossils, colorful mineral specimens, antique slot machines, and extravagant showgirl costumes—artifacts which illustrate Las Vegas' rise into the metropolitan gem we know today.



When the threat of nuclear weapons loomed during the 1950s, a whopping 928 atomic tests were performed in Nevada.

This bout of nuclear experimentation sparked a strange allure, and a resulting niche of tourism that truly only could have happened in Nevada.

Numerous radiant contestants competed to win the title of "Miss Atomic Bomb" at pageants held on the Strip, while test blast signals sounded, alerting night owl gamblers it was time to come to "dawn parties," where they could grab a few cocktails and a seat to view the impending mushroom cloud. Thankfully, the Cold War never turned hot. And half a century later, Nevada is left with some oddly fascinating legacies of the Atomic Age.



MISS ATOMIC BOMB
Photo courtesy of Las Vegas News Bureau

It's now safe to visit the same Nevada National Security Site tour that features Survival Town.

2 **SURVIVAL TOWN** NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE (NNSS)

In 1955, Operation Teapot was conducted to test the bombs' impact on an actual "neighborhood." Odd as it may seem, a cute little village was constructed, complete with mannequin versions of 1950s picture-perfect families, frozen in their daily routines in dapper outfits. Monthly tours of Survival Town and the surrounding test site depart from the [National Atomic Testing Museum](#). They involve high security and higher demand, but are well worth forfeiting your phone for a few hours—and booking well in advance.



Check out more remarkable museums on pg. 103-105



3 **SEDAN CRATER**

The point of Operation Plowshare was to see if atomic bombs could be used for "good," instead of as a weapon, such as directing an explosion's energy to move large amounts of earth. Turns out, they can. Our evidence? The Sedan Crater, the largest man-made crater in America, 320 feet deep (98 m) and 1,200 feet (365 m) in diameter. Detonated 600 feet below the ground, it sent a massive shockwave of dirt—almost 12 million tons of it—cascading into a dome nearly 300 feet off the ground. It's now safe to visit on the same [NNSS tour](#) that features Survival Town.



4 **NATIONAL ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM** LAS VEGAS

Today, Las Vegas draws a new kind of atomic tourist with the [National Atomic Testing Museum](#), a partner of the Smithsonian, which investigates the science, history, and pop culture of one of Nevada's—and America's—more controversial periods. Among its detailed, interactive displays, don't miss: an authentic (and huge) nuclear reactor, a backpack nuke and other "personal" atomic weapons, and dozens of artifacts from actual nuclear tests.



5 **ATOMIC LIQUORS** DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS

Originally just a liquor store, Sin City's oldest freestanding bar cemented its place in atomic history when it picked up a tavern license... so customers—be they Rat Pack-era celebrities, casino workers, or any walk of life in between—could climb onto the rooftop and toast the blasts, visible 65 miles to the north. The joint has held down its corner of [Fremont East District](#) for over six decades, with its bar area restored to its original configuration, and its glorious neon kept intact. Although the view of mushroom clouds is now relegated to the incredible historical photos lining the walls, you can still order up some tasty "atomic cocktails" off a themed menu.



LET'S GET WEIRD

#WEIRDNEVADA

INTERNATIONAL CAR FOREST OF THE LAST CHURCH GOLDFIELD

In this unconventional sculpture garden, 40

automobiles—including cars, trucks, and vans—stand on end, straddling crevices, or balancing delicately on top of one another, inviting new paint jobs from visiting “churchgoers.”



Check it out along the Free-Range Art Highway on pg. 30-31



LET'S FACE IT: NEVADA'S ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE... **DIFFERENT.**

As a state founded by gold miners and cowboys, built up by casino magnates, and flocked to today by renegade artists and other modern freedom-seekers, "ordinary" was just never really in the cards.

And don't get us wrong. We love our pristine world-class cuisine, and oh-so-many picture-perfect Visitor's Guide-worthy niceties.

But at the same time, whether it's a **haunted clown-themed motel** or an **amateur taxidermy-filled fireworks museum**, there's another way of looking at things that is clear to us, to scores of enlightened Nevadans, and to born adventurers hungry for something a little more savory in their future campfire tales: Our quirks... are our perks.

So if you're the kind of person who understands that no trip is complete without someone saying "**Well, THAT was a little odd!**" a couple times a day, then you're in luck. Because out here, no matter if you're deep down an **ET Highway** rabbit hole or just beginning to scratch the surface on **Fremont Street**, you're never too far from something satisfyingly unusual.

So! Ready to embrace your inner oddball?

Here are some of our favorite places to get down in some

 **#WEIRDNEVADA**

OUR **QUIRKS** ARE OUR PERKS.



CLOWN MOTEL
Tonopah

THE CLOWN MOTEL TONOPAH

Exactly what it sounds like, this clown-themed motel boasts what's got to be the largest private collection of



Don't be a bozo. Catch it before or after your ET Highway adventure, pg. 52-53

clown figurines and memorabilia under the sun,

and a few resident ghosts rumored to have moved in from the mining cemetery next door.

PUTTING THE "GHOST" IN "GHOST TOWN" BEATTY

Perched within view of the ruins of historic **Rhyolite**, these photogenic plaster ghosts are actually an interpretation of Da Vinci's "The Last Supper"—one of several larger-than-life installations at the 35-year-old **Goldwell Open Air Museum**.

Ever been ghosted? You'll fit right in among these towns, pg. 88-89



COFFIN IT UP PAHRUMP

Initially driven into coffin-making to fight the predatory funeral industry, a husband-and-wife team now offer tours of their macabre, made-to-order coffin-shaped everything business, including their workshop, hearse collection, and **"Church of the Coffin" wedding chapel**.



Experience this rite of passage on the Death Drive, pg. 26-27

Feel like sharing? Post pics with

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to spice up your friends' feeds!



THE REPUBLIC OF MOLOSSIA DAYTON

Pack your passports if you plan on visiting this official, sovereign "micronation"—complete with its own post office, national bank, and even space force. Just be sure you ditch any contraband onions, incandescent bulbs, or walruses at the border.

ROLLER COASTER FIREWORKS OUTLET BATTLE MOUNTAIN

If it explodes, pyrotechnic experts and firework makers Earl and Spider Cassorla can help you find it at their brand's outlet store, also home to a mini-museum and a collection of bizarre taxidermy, featuring a grinning horse, a cat, and an alleged Mexican chupacabra.

NATURAL SELECTION RENO

"Purveyors Of All Things Odd and Beautiful," if it's succulents, rare houseplants, archivally preserved skulls, or antique taxidermy you're after, this Midtown Reno boutique's got you covered.

WORLD'S LARGEST STUFFED POLAR BEAR ELKO

Elko is not only the "Home of Cowboy Poetry," but also of **"White King,"** a one-ton, 10-foot-4-inch taxidermied polar bear that was hunted in Alaska, stuffed in Denver, and propped up in Elko's **Commercial Casino** back in 1957. Today, it still graces both the casino floor and the pages of Hunter S. Thompson's 1992 *Rolling Stone* article, "Fear and Loathing in Elko."

GOLDFIELD HISTORIC CEMETERY
Goldfield



GOLDFIELD HISTORIC CEMETERY GOLDFIELD

This is one of many gut-busting epitaphs revealing the untimely demises of this cemetery's permanent residents, located outside the Wild Western living ghost town of Goldfield.

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA
MUSEUM
Elko



Check out more Nevada museums on pg. 103-107

CRAZY TEX'S HOOF SHOES ELKO

In the Wild West, where there's cattle, there's bound to be some cattle rustlin'. But few cow thieves were clever enough to make off with dozens of head for several months, leaving not even a footprint. That is, a human one. His secret? Plank shoes fitted with cow hooves, now on display at the **Northeastern Nevada Museum.**

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LEGENDARY NEVADANS

Get up close and personal with some of the larger-than-life personalities who helped define Nevada's own.

MARK TWAIN

In the 1861, a young Missourian named Samuel Langhorne Clemens tagged along with his older brother to Nevada Territory. It was here that Clemens would discover his distaste of office work, become “allergic” to shovels and gold mining, adopt the pen name “*Mark Twain*,” and train his ears on the colorful language, fanciful yarns, and bombastic characters that would later inform a life of writing—one that would shape American literature and humor forever.

“...At last the Lake burst upon us—a noble sheet of blue water lifted six-thousand-three-hundred feet above the level of the sea, and walled in by a rim of snow-clad mountain peaks that towered aloft full three thousand feet higher still! ... As it lay there with the shadows of the mountains brilliantly photographed upon its still surface, I thought it surely must be the fairest picture the whole earth affords.”

—Mark Twain, *Roughing It* (1872)

STOMPING GROUNDS

Virginia City

In this birthplace of Twain's famous nom de plume, be sure to pay your respects at the **Territorial Enterprise** building where he spent many a day... as well as the **Delta Saloon**, where he reportedly spent at least as many nights.

Lake Tahoe

Judging by where he spent his R&R, we're pretty sure '@MarkTwain' would be 'Grammin Tahoe's **#NevadaSide** today.

Carson City

Walk along the **Blue Line Trail** to see Orion Clemens' house, where Twain crashed for awhile, and other spectacular homes of the state's early movers and shakers.



Visit these old haunts of his along the **Lake Tahoe Loop**, pg. 20-21

Unionville

Twain's miner's cabin still stands in the canyon where he learned the hard way, as he observes in *Roughing It*, that “all that glitters is not gold.” Nearby, you'll find the lovely **Old Pioneer Garden B&B Guest Ranch**, if you fancy a pilgrimage to the site.



Take this detour off of the **Cowboy Corridor**, pg. 34-35

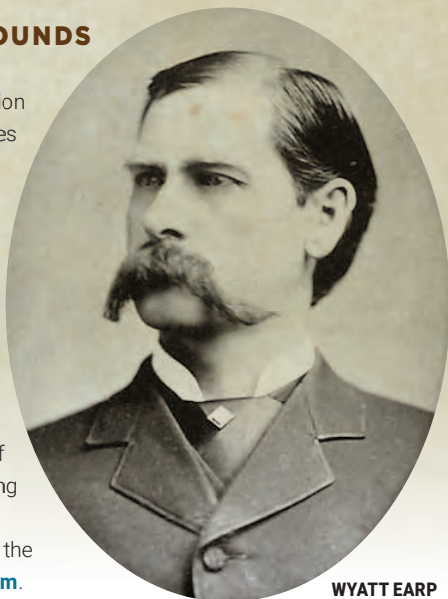
WYATT AND VIRGIL EARP

Already famous from his days as an Old West lawman, gambler, and gunfighter in Tombstone, Arizona, Wyatt Earp's reputation—along with his brother, Virgil's—followed him to central Nevada, complicating chances at a quieter life. Although they were a little too late to hit paydirt with mining, during the few years they spent here (1901-1905), the Earp brothers managed to scrape out an honest living, as well as a few tales along the way.

STOMPING GROUNDS

Tonopah

Not all historians sanction it, but local legend places Wyatt behind the bar of the **Mizpah Hotel's** saloon for a time. Today, you can still bask in its 1900s decadence and enjoy a great cocktail, or learn about all the things that really *did* happen in the "Queen of the Silver Camps" among the fascinating indoor and outdoor exhibits of the **Central Nevada Museum**.



WYATT EARP



Follow their footsteps on the Free-Range Art Highway, pg. 30-31

Goldfield

One saloon where an Earp was definitely on the payroll was the National Club, where Virgil was named a "Special Officer"—a glorified bouncer. Even at age 62 and with only one functional arm, the 6-foot-2-inch man made a good peacekeeper, probably with a little help from, as the local paper put it, his lineage as "one of the famous family of gunologists." The National may be history, but you can still raise a glass to the Earps among the movie-quality ambiance of the **Hoist House Tavern** and the **Santa Fe Saloon**—two original elixir emporiums the brothers surely visited.

HOWARD HUGHES

Billionaire businessman, generous philanthropist, aviation hero, film producer, and extraordinary eccentric all in one, Howard Hughes' time in Nevada was spent in far more places than the penthouse of the Las Vegas Desert Inn, where he lived as a recluse for four years.



Want more of the story? Visit all seven Nevada State Museums, as well as dozens of other history-packed local museums and heritage centers throughout the state. See what's in store on pg. 103-107.



STOMPING GROUNDS

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park

Hughes bought this lush oasis in 1967, hoping to entice his wife, Jean Peters, to move out to Vegas. When the plan failed—and before even staying there himself—Hughes sold it. Rather than let it become a planned community, Nevada State Parks bought it in 1974.

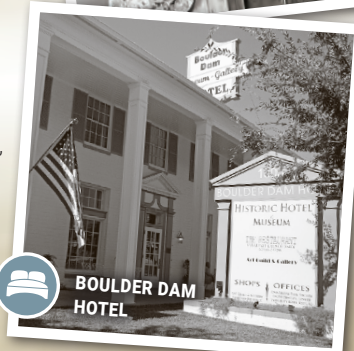


Manhattan

Of all the places Hughes laid claim to, the only place he actually mined was here—now a "living ghost town" home to epic backcountry (and, of course, an epic backcountry bar).

Boulder City

In the 1940s, if you were going to wreck your plane, you might as well have done it on Lake Mead, so you could recuperate at the **Boulder Dam Hotel**, which remains as opulent and period-chic as it was back then.



Visit modern-day "B.C." on the Neon to Nature Road Trip, pg. 16-17

*Goldfield
Sept. 30, 1909*



GOLDFIELD, NEVADA, SEPT. 30th, 1909

BOWERS MANSION

Photo courtesy of Nevada Historical Society



EILLEY BOWERS

“Miner – Lodger – Speculator – Fortune Teller.” That’s a helluva resume for anyone from any era, but especially for a woman in the 1860s. This sharp, industrious businesswoman and all-

around frontier badass bucked norms braving ups and downs throughout a life that left us a legacy.

STOMPING GROUNDS

Mormon Station State Historic Park

Not only was this the first Nevada town Bowers moved to, it was also the literal first Nevada town, period. Today, you can tour the fort where the Mormon Battalion, including Bowers’ first husband, built a trading post, as well as charming present-day [Genoa](#), home to some lovely cafés and another Nevada superlative: the oldest “thirst parlor” in the state.

Gold Hill

As founder and proprietress of a boarding house for miners, Bowers amassed a fortune buying and selling mining claims, with a lucrative side-hustle telling fortunes with her Scottish “peep stone.” Get a taste of the era at the [Gold Hill Hotel & Saloon](#), opened around 1861.

Bowers Mansion Regional Park

With money to spend, Bowers built her dream home in 1863, a two-story, 16-room mansion furnished with bold new technology, art, and decorations imported from all over Europe. The property is no less impressive today, where seasonal [guided tours](#) offer one of the best glimpses of the incomparable wealth of Nevada’s Comstock period.

TSAWHAWBITTS

According to Shoshone legend, a giant cannibal named *Tsawhawbitts* (*pronounced tuh-SAW-haw-bits*) roamed a certain canyon in the far reaches of northern Nevada, hunting for unsuspecting men to toss into a large basket and carry back to camp for “dinner.” In 1909, prospectors in the last major gold rush in American history named the canyon after its mythical resident, mispronouncing the Shoshone word as “*Jarbidge*” (*JAR-bidj*).

STOMPING GROUNDS

Today, [Jarbidge](#) remains Nevada’s most isolated town as well as a one-of-a-kind wilderness outpost for *fishing, big-game hunting, off-road exploration, unbeatable photography, camping, and more*. Depending on the season, up to 100 residents live along the dirt-road



Discover more about this stunning corner of the Silver State on [The Rubies Route pg. 40-42](#)

main drag, across which downtown’s two bars, the [Red Dog Saloon](#) and the [Outdoor Inn](#) join forces to keep patrons warm, satiated, and entertained.





TULE DUCK DECOYS
Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC

LIVING LEGEND

MIKE WILLIAMS

Mike Williams is a living legend. He's also a Great Basin Paiute who, inspired by his Creator and his culture, has spent decades crafting duck decoys out of tulle reeds, feathers, and other natural resources found around the [Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge](#), outside [Fallon](#). These modern-day decoys are as close as it gets to the ones made thousands of years ago by his ancestors, including a famous set discovered in [Lovelock Cave](#) in the 1920s. These, along with several of Williams' pieces, are proudly housed in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC and are Nevada's official state artifact.



CHURCHILL COUNTY MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



STOMPING GROUNDS

Lovelock Cave Backcountry Byway

A 20-mile self-guided tour through breathtaking scenery and rich historical locations deposits you at [Lovelock Cave](#), where 60 years of work uncovered a whopping 10,000 ancient specimens, from skeletal remains to cultural artifacts.

Churchill County Museum and Archives

Among nearly 14,000 square feet of Nevada history you'll find the state's best display of tulle duck decoys—including many of Williams'—along with basketry, arrowhead collections, and other artifacts gathered from caves of spiritual importance to ancient tribes. **Free admission.**

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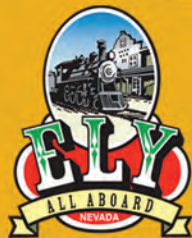
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Point is, whichever corner of this state you venture to, you're bound to uncover the kind of unexpected encounters, memorable characters, and only-in-Nevada experiences that make this place so damn special.

Especially to those genuine travelers. **Those who consider themselves participants, not just tourists.** Those who prefer to fully absorb a place's essence—not simply see it, snap it, and roll on. Those who've tasted authenticity and will no longer settle for anything less.

Always suckers for this state's unmatched spontaneity, we're never

going to tell you how to live your life, or even exactly how to plan your trip. But as a team of native and born-again Nevadaholics—from backcountry solace-seekers to Vintage Vegas virtuosos and other all-around Silver State aficionados—well...

Alright, you got us. Turns out we just might have **a few favorite suggestions** on how to

go home with **MORE STORIES** than souvenirs.



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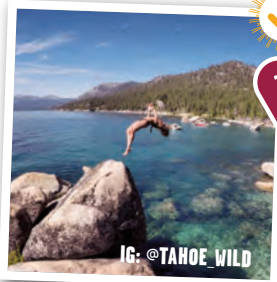


16 Magic Moments IN NEVADA'S STATE PARKS

You may already know what's up at Lake Tahoe. Or even at Valley of Fire. They're famous—and popular—for a good reason.

But all of Nevada's state parks and state recreation areas teem with marvelous superlatives, qualities that set

them apart from any other place on Earth, each ready to surprise you with its own **secret stash of snag-worthy magic moments** you'll be ticking off the bucket list, maybe before you even knew they were on it. Here are 16 to get you on your way.



1

LAKE TAHOE NEVADA

Earning Polar Bear Club cred in the one of the clearest, coldest bodies of water on Earth ... and learning to crave its tasty bite.

Dive deeper into what to do around "Big Blue" on pg. 20-23



BEAVER DAM

Hiking through a forest of beaver stumps, realizing you've finally bit into that "one-with-nature" moment of solitude.

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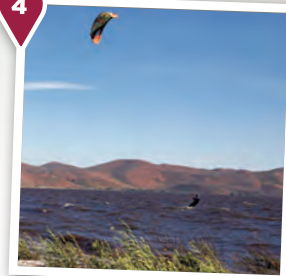
OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT

Walking amongst 1850s history and discovering the ironic birthplace of modern-day Las Vegas.

WASHOE LAKE

Catching a charge off a storied "Washoe Zephyr," and discovering that even Mark Twain couldn't fully articulate that wind's exhilarating fury.

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5

CATHEDRAL GORGE

Squeezing your way through suck-it-in territory to reach some beautifully otherworldly slot canyons.



Hit this on a road trip along the Great Basin Highway! pg. 44-47



FORT CHURCHILL / BUCKLAND STATION

Dialing in that EMF detector for a good ol' fashioned army ghost hunt, right in the heart of your very own galaxy.

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7



WARD CHARCOAL OVENS

Taking an inside look at six beehive-shaped kilns that once doubled as a hideaway for Wild West renegades.

ECHO CANYON

Admiring some 150-year-old wagon axle-grease "pioneer graffiti."

8



9

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH

Embracing the enchanting essence of the Mojave after a warm summer rain.



BERLIN-ICHTHYOSAUR

Seeing just how many wannabe "fingers" you can count on those gigantic fossilized ickys.

10



11

SPRING VALLEY

Roaring into what feels like the set of a Harley-Davidson commercial.



DAYTON

Paying homage to the 160-year-old silver mill that helped build San Francisco.

12



13

KERSHAW-RYAN

Happening upon a literally "gorge-ous" real-life oasis.



14

VALLEY OF FIRE

Hanging 10 on a very different—and maybe even more spectacular—kind of wave.



ELEPHANT ROCK, VALLEY OF FIRE



15

MORMON STATION

Seeing where this whole Nevada thing got started, with a little Pony Express history to boot.



16

CAVE LAKE

Shishin' some lakeside kabobs under tasty summertime skies, including at one of the few reservable yurts in the state.

Photo provided by Nevada State Parks



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Catch it and more along the scenic route on our Neon to Nature road trip pg. 16-17



View the details, including locations, amenities, events, and more, for all state parks at

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PITCHFORK RANCH

Four distinct park units at Nevada's newest state park work together to offer visitors top-notch camping, hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, OHV exploring, world-class fishing, among many other recreational opportunities.

OPEN NOW

PITCHFORK RANCH 2,320 acres, 7 river miles

Located near Yerington, Pitchfork Ranch is an outdoorsman's paradise. With seven miles along East Walker River to be explored, Pitchfork offers a campground with full hookups, cabins, tent spaces, rafting, and access to OHV and equestrian trails.

"THE ELBOW"

While the rest of Nine Mile Ranch remains under private family care, this unspoiled section of the East Fork—long fabled among fly fishermen—now welcomes devout anglers and seekers of the truly serene. Here, in accordance with the section's pristine and undeveloped character, visitors will find nearly two dozen primitive campsites with direct access to the water's edge.

COMING SOON

RAFTER 7 RANCH 3,223 acres, 10.8 river miles

The rustic country-home setting of the Rafter 7 Ranch will be an ideal gathering place for large groups on the Main House's vast fruit tree-studded lawn, as well as a tranquil base camp for hikers, kayakers, and birdwatchers, all offering sweeping views of Mt. Grant and the Wassuk Range.

FLYING M RANCH 7,313 acres, 11.9 river miles

Currently still in private hands, the Flying M Ranch will eventually become the centerpiece of this panorama of parks, featuring wide-open land, nearly twelve miles of river, and an amenity-packed historic estate that will accommodate large groups for overnight visits.



Nine Mile: Then and Now

This elaborate ranch, located nine miles from the main road to the infamous ghost towns of Aurora and Bodie was once *the* place to hop off the stagecoach and convalesce awhile, enough to earn a mention in Mark Twain's *Roughing It*. The estate is not yet available for tours, but its period-perfect exterior still dazzles history buffs and shutterbugs just fine.

Walker River

STATE RECREATION AREA

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After 125 years in private hands, the splendor of this coveted slice of the Silver State is ours to enjoy. Spanning 12,000 acres of rangeland—including 29 miles of the East Walker River, the stuff of true trout bum legend—the century-old Pitchfork, Rafter 7, Flying M, and Nine Mile ranching properties invite the public and all future generations to experience and appreciate Nevada's heritage and unparalleled natural beauty. View details at [PARKS.NV.GOV/PARKS/WALKER-RIVER](https://parks.nv.gov/parks/walker-river)





KING OF C



The **Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail** follows the spine of one of Nevada's most pristine, untouched locales: Elko County's Ruby Mountains.

By **Charlie Johnston** | *Nevada Magazine*

With more than 300 named mountain ranges, millions of acres of rugged, untamed wilderness, and thousands of miles of trails, it's safe to say **the Silver State offers hikers and backpackers a lifetime of exploration.**

Its sole paved access point—the dramatic and picturesque Lamoille Canyon Road—sees its fair share of day-trippers and overnight visitors. But rugged terrain and lingering snow (many high lakes and the pass above

Overland Lake remain frozen well into June or July) keep the furthest reaches of the range reserved for the hardy few who venture out on foot or horseback.

This trail is often navigated from south (Harrison Pass) to north, but I suggest the reverse. Starting in Lamoille Canyon ensures you'll be fresh when the scenery is best!

ON DAY ONE the trail ascends from road's end past Dollar Lakes and Lamoille Lake—excellent places to camp if you get a late start (or you get distracted by the **unbeatable trout fishing**)—and through



Get castin' on pg. 80-81



a series of switchbacks to 10,450-foot Liberty Pass. The descent from the pass

THE RESTS

DAY TWO is packed with scenery, but also the longest of the trip, so start early. The trail climbs Wines Peak—the highest point at 10,863 feet—and follows the crest most of the way to the next camp at Overland Lake. Stunning views reward the challenges of this section, which include high elevation, extended

periods without a water source nearby, and the potential for wind.

FUN FACT: Nevada is the most mountainous state in the Lower 48.

DAY THREE starts with a calf-burning climb up the final high pass of the trail, which can remain snow-covered through summer. You've just earned your last look at the high peaks of the Rubies—"America's alps"—to the north.

From here south, the scenery is dominated by the stunning colors of the Great Basin. The trail drops quickly to the western aspect of the range and crosses the North, Middle, and South Forks of Smith Creek and traverses the western flanks of Green Mountain before reaching the Green Mountain Trailhead.

Most backpackers opt for this spot—or a little further south along four-wheel-drive tracks to Harrison Pass Road—to leave a shuttle vehicle or prearrange a ride back to Lamoille Canyon.

On your way back to civilization, be sure to stop at the classic **Jiggs Bar** for something ice cold to toast your accomplishment. ♦

SNAPSHOT

RUBY CREST TRAIL

DISTANCE ~35 miles

ELEVATION 7,200' – 10,893'

DIFFICULTY Moderate

PERMITS REQUIRED None

BEST TIME TO GO July to Sept.

DOG FRIENDLY Woof! ("Yes.")

NEAREST TOWN Lamoille, Spring Creek, Elko

NEED A LIFT?

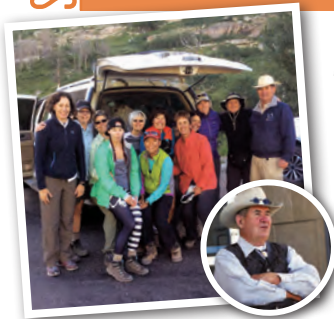
Leave your vehicle at trail's end and have **Cowboy John Tours** shuttle you to the start. No car? No problem. He'll pick you up and drop you off just about anywhere you want.

This section is also the place for a chance viewing of mountain goats; if you approach a herd quietly from downwind, it's possible to get within 100 yards.

Before reaching Overland Lake, the trail leaves the crest and traverses the steep eastern aspect of the range. There is a first come, first served primitive cabin at the north end of the lake that you are welcome to camp in, but you can also tent it up under the stars, too.

leads to Liberty and Favre Lakes, where many people make first camp.

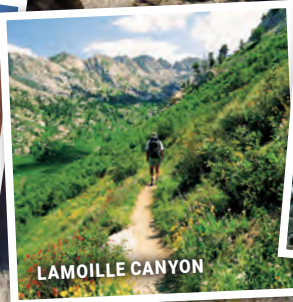
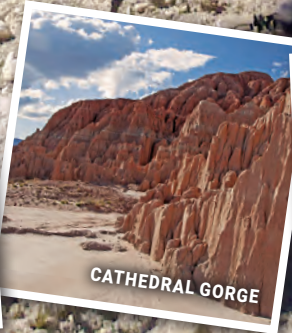
If there is still daylight to burn and your legs are up to it, North Furlong Lake, another couple miles down trail, is also a fine place to camp. Alternatively, a short detour along Furlong Creek past waterfalls and beaver dams is a nice use of an afternoon.





Hit the trail

From **easy ambles** to **alpine scrambles**, appealing to **casual** out-and-back day trippers to **hardcore**, toothbrush-chopping wilderness thru-hikers alike, **Nevada is a pedestrian's paradise.**



1 MT. ROSE WILDERNESS

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2 TAHOE RIM TRAIL

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3 TOIYABE CREST TRAIL

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4 LAMOILLE CANYON

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5 GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

Everything from guided cave tours and easy walks among ancient bristlecone pine forests to challenging ascents up to 13,064' Wheeler Peak.



Get the scoop on more amazing Nevada parks on pg. 72-73

6 SPRING MOUNTAINS & MT. CHARLESTON WILDERNESS AREA

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March

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April

Shooting The West Photography

May

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JUNE

Winnemucca Basque Festival

July

Silver State International Rodeo

Winnemucca Wheels Car Show

September

Tri-County Fair & Stampede

October

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Western States Ranch Rodeo Finals



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Fishing

Nevada: Just one big desert? Smells fishy...

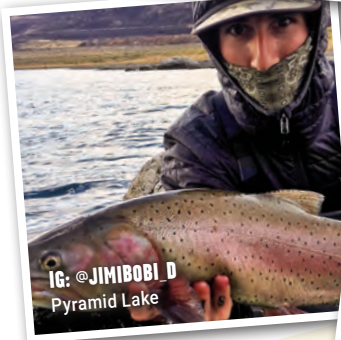
Nevada has more than 200 lakes and reservoirs, and 600 streams and rivers, where fishing abounds. Nevada's mountain ranges even offer ice fishing for those brave enough to explore the alpine lakes.

From the **Jarbridge River** in the north to the **Colorado River** in the south, fishing holes dot the landscape. Some locals' favorites are **Pyramid Lake** on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, where anglers cast flies from submerged ladders for Lahontan cutthroat trout, a salmon-sized fish once believed to be extinct; or the section of the East Walker River around Yerington, home of the brand new **Walker River State Recreation Area**.

The state also is ridged with mountain ranges, many of which hold alpine lakes that freeze over in winter. There also are many

reservoirs throughout the state, including **Cave Lake** near Ely and the **South Fork Reservoir** near Elko.

Check out area visitors bureaus pg. 119 for info on sites and outfitters, or stop by a local fly shop in Reno, Elko, Gardnerville, or Las Vegas for local wisdom and a fish tale or two.



DON'T FORGET YOUR LICENSE!

Get yourself legal, courtesy of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.



Already here? Grab it at one of the state's license agents — a list can be found on the NDOW website.

The NDOW site also has the Nevada Fishing Guide, as well as information on where to fish, stocking updates and more.

If you're fishing **Pyramid Lake**, you will need a permit from the Pyramid Lake Paiute

Tribe. For details and permits, visit PyramidLake.us, and click on the fishing link.

15 BEST PLACES TO FISH IN THE SILVER STATE

- 1 Truckee River
- 2 Pyramid Lake
- 3 Topaz Lake
- 4-5 Knot Creek, Onion Reservoir
- 6-7 Lamoille Canyon Beaver Ponds, Ruby Mountains
- 8 Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge
- 9 Jarbidge Wilderness Area
- 10 Walker Lake Recreation Area
- 11 Walker River State Recreation Area
- 12 Kingston Canyon
- 13 Great Basin National Park
- 14 Beaver Dam State Park
- 15 Lake Mead National Conservation Area



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RAINBOW

Best Places: Jarbidge, Truckee River, Marlette Lake, Topaz Lake, East Walker River



BROWN

Best Places: Truckee River, Ruby Valley, Topaz Lake, East Walker River



BULL (catch & release only)

Best Place: Protected Species, found only in Jarbidge



GOLDEN

Best Places: Ruby Mountains, Angel Lake



BROOK

Found throughout Nevada



LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT

Best Place: Pyramid Lake



LAKE / MACKINAW

Best Places: Lake Tahoe, Ruby Mountains

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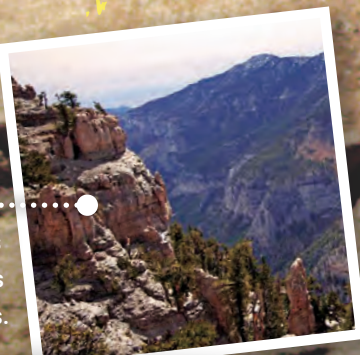


WHERE THE BRAVEST

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Nearly 200 hard limestone routes known for overhanging caves and epic vistas.



LAMOILLE CANYON ELKO

Glacially-carved layered granite ripe for sport climbing, top rope, and bouldering. Nevada's ice climbing capital in winter. With relatively few established routes, this rock beckons trailblazers.



Discover more about this stunning corner of the Silver State on *The Rubies Route* pg. 40-42



BASECAMP RENO RENO

The world's tallest climbing wall rises 200 feet above the Reno Arch up the side of the Whitney Peak Hotel, with bouldering and a kids' room indoors.



GO

With Nevada's 300+ mountain ranges—many barely touched by people—you've got plenty of places to get vertical. Here are some solid options.

RAINBOW CANYON CALIENTE

These 3,000-ft. walls harbor two state parks and usually zero competition to get on sport and trad routes on limestone and basalt, boasting beautiful corners and clean, blank faces.



HARNESS THE MOMENT!

Scan this QR code to watch this climber swing into action, or head over to [YouTube.com/TravelNevada](https://www.youtube.com/TravelNevada).





Hummingbird

IS MY SPIRIT ANIMAL

By **Russell Monteleone** | Adventurer
Photos by Russell Monteleone

Tyler and Ron did go on to tackle a few of them. But I never got the chance to climb any big mountains with my brother again. Instead, a team of friends and I would ascend Mount Shasta and spread his ashes from the summit. In life, he had always wanted to ski off the top of a volcano. We felt he'd agree this was the next best thing.

That's when I started training. Eventually, with a dozen or so high peaks in California and Nevada under my belt, the mountains became my home.

I met Tom over Indian food after a mutual friend observed, "Hey! You guys have beards and like being cold in the mountains... you should hang out!" It proved to be solid logic. Our first climbing trip was on some multi-pitch granite just west of Reno up the Truckee River canyon. The exposed sections of climbing made my stomach sink, but the fresh exposure and stunning alpine views left me breathless. Noticing my fear and excitement, Tom offered his patience, encouragement, and knowledge, as he would over a few more climbs. Before long Tom asked: "Hey, bro! Wanna go to Red Rocks?" I knew enough to know he didn't mean a jam band show in Colorado.

If you haven't heard of Nevada's Red Rock Canyon, you've been living under a (some-other-color-than-red) rock. Thousands of routes—traditional, sport, bouldering, and top rope—all reside within a stone's throw of Las Vegas. If you want to ditch the comfort of the gym and push your abilities to the next level, this is the place. Even if you still prefer colored holds and forgiving difficulty

My first time climbing at Red Rock, I had no idea we were about to mountaineer a rock face the same height as Yosemite's Half Dome.

RED ROCK RENDEZVOUS

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Find even more events on pg. 112-115

RED ROCK CANYON

Truth is, I had never planned to make climbing a full-time hobby—let alone become a guide—until that trip to the Sierra Nevada with my brother Tyler and his mentor, Ron. When we summited Crystal Crag, I looked out over the expanse. Suddenly I felt serenity, wonder and fear all together at the incredible views and gut-wrenching exposure in a way I never had before. We could see from Boundary Peak—Nevada's tallest—to the Ritter Range. Right then, we vowed to climb them all.

ratings, no problem—all of the routes are marked with chalk, for tens of thousands of feet. And then there's the big stuff.

The climb Tom and I were eyeing was up the Black Velvet Wall, a soaring line 2,000 feet up called "Epinephrine." That word comes from the Greek epinephros, meaning "atop the kidney"—a piece of real estate that the adrenal glands call home. When engaged, the glands' job is to spark a chain reaction, raising heart

Take a minute, catch your breath.



rate, expanding bronchial tubes, increasing blood pressure, and constricting veins—all to help richly oxygenated blood reach the brain, lungs, and heart more efficiently. The price for this boost includes pounding heart, hypertension, tremors, cardiac arrhythmia, anxiety attacks, and panic. Look it up in a medical textbook and you might find a picture of me. Because in my case, it would be all of the above.

Epinephrine, huh? Can't be that bad. And so we climbed.

And climbed and climbed up this sandstone cathedral to the top of Black Tower, where the route descriptions said we'd find the most difficult part of the climb—the "crux." It's a feature called a squeeze chimney, which literally puts you between a rock (the Black Tower) and a hard place (the rest of the Black Velvet Wall). Imagine Santa Claus

stuffing himself upward between a hundred feet of nearly featureless red sandpaper... here, that's you.

It started out like a normal chimney: feet opposing posterior, hands pushing up from the sides or out to nudge my back a few inches. I'd done this before. But then as I approached the ledge where Tom stood, feet firm, keeping me on tight belay from above... the walls began closing in. And in and in. Inching upward, I felt my technique faltering. No matter how hard I kicked it away, claustrophobia grabbed at more of me—why did the walls keep getting closer—until BAM, I was in its clutches doing exactly what I knew you are not supposed to do. Losing track of my breathing. Hearing the "I Can't" narrative rearing its ugly, persuasive voice—and falling for it. (Oh God, falling?) And feeling my gaze pulled straight down into the abyss until it was staring right back up at me.

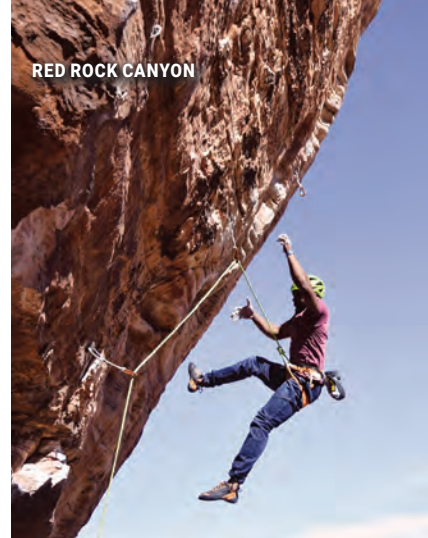
That's when I heard the voice. "TAKE! TAKE, TOM!?" It was my own, yelling uselessly as my hands and feet clawed at the blank walls like a cat on a glass screen door, my panic convincing me I'd lost the strength to hold myself up against the walls. Tom yelled down, "GOT, bro! Just fall and rest!" If I'd been

listening, I might've heard the note of concern sneak into Tom's tone. "You're on top rope, I got you from up here!" he reminded me. It was true; he still had me from above. Still, my ego and pride kept me swimming an inch at a time, like I was trying to punch someone in a dream for what seemed like hours.

When I was safely over the ledge, relief didn't last long, my panic triggering Tom's... his further triggering mine in an endless loop. We pondered setting up a rappel and calling it as my body pulsed, my adrenal glands... heart, lungs, spleen... amygdala... my whole being.

Epinephrine, for sure.

"Hey man." Tom broke the silence. "I'm gonna go set up this intermediate anchor... OK? That way, we can head either up or



down. Take a minute, catch your breath. Then you let me know what you want to do."

I stared up into the next pitch. Here, 600 feet up, I knew it wouldn't get more difficult than the crux. Still, the urge to quit was overpowering. Like never before, the comforts of the ground called to me. Fourteen hundred more feet of this? What if I can't pull it together? Why am I up here? Does Tom even want to climb with me anymore? I'm not strong enough.

WHY DO I CLIMB?

Just then a hummingbird buzzed up from nowhere. It hovered with me for what must have been a full minute, flitting back and forth while I gazed back through watery eyes. Framed by a sea of varnished red and

Serenity came over me... perhaps my visitor was more than just a little bird.

tan sandstone, this little guy was looking at no one else but me.

A serenity came over me, one I hadn't felt since I first climbed with my brother, a feeling I'd remembered in all the years he'd now been gone. And I couldn't help but think: perhaps my visitor was more than just a little bird.

Before I could say anything, the hummingbird flew upward and out of sight around the ledge. I knew what to tell Tom as I headed over to the base of the next pitch...

"We're going up, bro." ♦



Hot Springs

GET STOKED TO SOAK

Nevada is proud to boast **more hot springs than any other state**. If you've soaked in one, you know what blissful sanctuaries they are. **But let's keep it that way.** Do the homework, pack the right gear, embrace the required etiquette, and you'll be set to get yourself in the *right* kind of hot water.

HOT SPRINGING HOW-TO

GOOGLE MAPS AIN'T GONNA CUT IT

In rural Nevada, Google Maps is just about as handy as a full-on scuba setup on the playa. Spring for a topo map or, even better, invest in a super-detailed atlas and get down on some good old-fashioned navigating.

GRAB THE RIGHT GARMENTS

Most Nevada hot springs are surrounded by a muddy alkali surface that you won't be able to drive on. When hunting down a spring, plan to park a good ways away, whether there's weather or not. Bring a pair of shoes that you're not afraid to get messy in. Another foolproof trick? Bring a cozy après-soak robe, outfit, or even spare suit, because who wants to spring-hop in wet stuff?

LIVE BY THE BUDDY SYSTEM

Heading out for the weekend? It's a smart idea to let a friend know what section of the state you're heading to, and it's always a good idea to bring friends along with you.

LEAVE IT HOW YOU FOUND IT

Being a good steward is what hot springing is all about. There are phenomenal hot springs on private land, and many Nevada ranchers out here let people enjoy them, as long as they don't trash them. If the gate on the road is open, leave it open. If you found it closed, close the gate once you've passed through. And of course, anything you pack in (or find that shouldn't be there), always pack it out.



#NVHOTSPRINGS



Preserve the thrill of the hunt! See those geotags? Of course you don't. Sure, these soakers 'Grammed their shots. **But respect the springs and keep them off the map where they belong.**



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THINK BEFORE YOU DIP

Many classic Nevada soaks are in a pool, old bathtub, or even cattle trough with water piped into it from a much hotter source nearby. Things can change fast out here, including thermal activity, so always check the temperature before hopping in. Done tubbing? If there's a valve to control flow, leave a trickle—not a raging torrent—to keep the water primed for its next guests. And with extremely hot pools often nearby, be sure to keep close tabs on your pups, too.

DON'T BE A GEO-BAG

So! You found a glorious spring and want to show off the view to friends and fans on your social feed. If you must post the shot, go for it. You've earned it and studied your etiquette; just be sure you **DO NOT GEOTAG IT** for those who haven't. In recent years, too many internet-blasted spots have ended up overrun, trashed, and closed down. Luckily, dozens of Nevada hot springs

remain pristine and relatively hush-hush... help us keep them that way for all of us.

CAMPING? GIVE IT SOME SPACE

Park your tents, vans, etc. far enough from the spring that your camp doesn't hog the view or hijack the ambiance. Private property? Camping is frowned upon without permission or a sign that says you can. Campfires are fun, but be aware of all local restrictions and NEVER leave one smoldering; make sure that bad boy is drowned and out before you hit the road.

WHAT DRESS CODE?

It's normal to rock up to a spring and find everyone in suits of the swim OR birthday variety. While there is no set rule, respect and courtesy go a long way. If you find a tub full of bare-it-all bathers, no one will make you "follow suit." Likewise, if you show up underdressed to a shirts-and-shorts



No glass-holes allowed! A sip when you dip is one of life's true joys, but keep it to cans, cups, and other unbreakable vessels only.

convention, gauge the group. They should be OK with you stripping down, but you could ask politely or at least slip in discreetly. As in life, just don't be a weirdo and the good times should flow for everyone.

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RHYOLITE

One of the most photographed ghost towns in the West, Rhyolite stands guard at Death Valley's eastern entrance, ushering visitors through the passage of time and space and terrain. Among its stubborn remnants, the famed *Tom Kelly Bottle House*, constructed of nearly 50,000 bottles, has been restored and hints at an eccentricity sown throughout the Wild West.



Make it a stop on *The Death Drive*, pg. 26-27

METROPOLIS

An ornate stone schoolhouse archway, crumbling hotel ruins, and a cemetery are what remains of Metropolis' would-be glory. This community of 1,000 or so residents also enjoyed a newspaper and even a railway before succumbing to scourges of jackrabbits and Mormon crickets in the 1910s.



Located northwest of Wells, add it to The Rubies Route, pg. 40-41

ELDORADO CANYON

Home of the oldest and most famous gold mine in southern Nevada, now popular with photographers, history buffs, and movie location scouts. **Visitors**



Add it to your Neon to Nature excursion, pg. 16-17

can tour the **Techatticup Mine**,

once owned by famed politician and publisher George Hearst, and explore the mine and town that was so remote that it became famous for its ruthless vigilantism.

GOLD POINT



Roam the sprawling, artifact-filled blocks of Nevada's "friendly ghost town," then chow down on home-cooked grub, sip fine bourbon in a beautifully-preserved historic saloon, and bed down in miners' cabins at this rare privately-run ghost town bed and breakfast.



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BERLIN

Now protected as half of **Berlin-Ichthyosaur**



Head to pg. 72-74 for more great Nevada state parks

State Park, this mountainside-clinging town's 130-year-old buildings—including an impressive 30-stamp mill—stand but a bone's throw from the highest concentration of the largest fossils of Ichthyosaurs, huge Mesozoic marine reptiles, ever found.



Detour here from the Loneliest Road, pg. 12-13

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Nevada's New Mountain Bike Mecca

CALIENTE



By **Leslie Kehmeier**

Adventurer | Club Ride Ambassador

Brought to you by Club Ride Apparel

Photos by Leslie Kehmeier

If you're a mountain bike adventurer like me, there is no doubt that you

Just two and a half hours north of Las Vegas, surrounded by layers of extensive basins and beautiful mountains, sits a town that will eventually be one of the new meccas of mountain biking in the American West.

have already broken out the maps and planned some killer road trips this year. If your wanderlust happens to draw

attention to the desert southwest, make sure you look past Hurricane, UT and Las Vegas to consider the small town of Caliente, Nevada.

You might not have heard of it yet, but I have been there. I have seen the beginning as well as the future.

Caliente, nestled into the vast 10,700 square miles of Lincoln County, has been blessed with a landscape that caters to a number of different outdoor recreation pursuits—now including



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beginning as well as the future.

mountain biking. It is so diverse in this part of the US, that it is possible to grow pecans at one end of the county and potatoes on the other.

It was only a couple years ago when the idea of a mountain bike destination was still just a dream for Caliente. But a lot can change in a short amount of time. And after a lot of hard work and planning, the trails have become a reality. Barnes Canyon hosts 12 miles of singletrack trail as well as an extensive bike park smack dab in the middle of town.

THE CALIENTE MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS PARK

Big berms, rollers, and serious tabletop jumps now dot the sides of the mountain above Strawberry Hill, just off Highway 93 and Ada Street. While these features are things you might not expect to see in a southern Nevada town, believe it or not, it is exactly what you will find.

Multiple flow trails, both technical and playful, cascade down gravity-fed slopes into the progressive dirt jump park anchored by a concrete pump track. It is an amazing place to have loads

of fun while improving your skills at the same time. It may also be one of the best places in town to watch one of Caliente's awe-inspiring sunsets.

BARNES CANYON MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Just minutes down Clover Canyon, to the northwest of town, is Barnes Canyon. The area has a unique landscape dominated by muted green piñon-juniper forests covering jagged limestone slopes. The TeePee Rocks—white-colored, tent-like formations—are the signature features of the canyon, striking a sharp contrast against the almost-daily bluebird skies. The current offering of trails takes you around, through, and under these geologic features, showcasing the strange beauty that Barnes has to offer,

CALIENTE MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS PARK 151 ALICE ST.

- Jump Zone with 8'+ Launch Hill
- Skills Trail
- Pump Track
- Spectator Zone

BARNES CANYON MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS 1400 SOUTH FRONT ST. 4 miles from Caliente

- 12 mi of dedicated singletrack

JUST AROUND THE BEND

- **COMING FALL 2019:** Expansion to nearly 20 mi
- **COMING SPRING 2020:** Full trailhead



RIDE ON

With thousands of miles of wild trails and untracked backcountry, on everything from desert washes to alpine ridges, Nevada is home to some truly epic rides. Here's a look at some of our favorite two-wheel territory around the state.

FLUME TRAIL, INCLINE VILLAGE/LAKE TAHOE
Photo by Rachid Dahnoun



as well as stunning panoramic views of the Clover Mountains and Meadow Valley.


The Barnes Canyon Mountain Bike Trails system offers something for all skill levels. From fast and flowy to rocky and technical, beginners to advanced riders can find a fun and challenging experience. Several loop options get more difficult and technical the higher up the canyon rim you go.



With more singletrack in the works through the end of this year, there is no doubt mountain bikers will have plenty more to discover in the coming years.

CALIENTE: EVERYTHING YOU NEED

Caliente is a simple town. It has everything you need and nothing you don't. There are a few hotels, a couple of restaurants serving hearty food, and a grocery store that will cover the spectrum of low budget to high-maintenance food and supplies. If self-contained is your style, the surrounding BLM lands can offer you both solitude and quick access to recreation.

So what do you think? Ready to hit some trails on your next road trip? Then don't forget to make a stop in Caliente, Nevada. 



FEELING COMPETITIVE?

1 ■ THE FLUME TRAIL INCLINE VILLAGE

Afraid of heights? Then avoid this famed 4.5-mile singletrack that hugs cliffs 2,500 feet above breathtaking Lake Tahoe and miss what may be the best views from any bike trail on Earth.

2 ■ CAVE LAKE STATE PARK | ELY

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3 ◆ PEAVINE MOUNTAIN RENO

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4 ● BADGER PASS LOOP BLUE DIAMOND

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5 ● ■ ◆ BOOTLEG CANYON | BOULDER CITY

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6 Tinker Classic—Beatty, April 19-21
It's "Leadville meets Burning Man" at this three-day festival, honoring MTB champ Tinker Juarez, with a 100K race and a family-friendly 60k Gravel Gran Fondo through Death Valley National Park.

7 Epic Rides: Carson City Off Road
Carson City, June 14-16

15, 35, or 50 mile segments featuring singletrack, doubletrack, and gravel featuring vistas of Lake Tahoe and Carson Valley, with a 98% finish rate and a massive weekend-long street party.

8 Fears, Tears, and Beers
Ely, June 9

The country's oldest enduro race. Pedal to a mountaintop, then tackle twisties and sprints on two to six timed sections. Oh, and roll through two casinos on the way.

Check out more events on pg. 112-115

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LEPPY HILLS
West Wendover



DAYTON
Photo by Colton Hults



**JARBIDGE
WILDERNESS
AREA**

**MOTORS OPTIONAL**

The Silver State multiple-use trail also welcomes adventurers hardy enough to tackle this terrain with human power, including backpackers and even bikepackers. Just use your head and watch (and listen) for off-roaders.



Last year an all-star team of federal, state, and local agencies, nonprofits, and dozens of communities joined forces to establish a one-stop shop for maps, KML/KMZ files, rules and regs, and other great info

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SAND MOUNTAIN
West of Fallon



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Black Rock Desert



Silver State Off-Highway Vehicle Trail

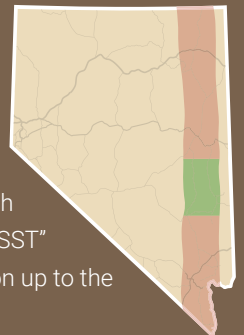
The long-awaited Silver State Trail is officially open, and it's definitely a big deal. The first Congressionally-designated off-highway vehicle trail ever loops its way around **260 miles of wild Nevada backcountry**. Designed with families in mind, well-marked sections—from easy gravel roads to challenging tracks—traverse high mountaintops and panoramic basins, where elk and antelope roam as great horned owls and golden eagles soar.

Staging areas and access roads



can be found along the **Great Basin Highway** pg. 44-45, while fuel,

supplies, and the rewarding prospect of hot showers beckon in the communities of Caliente, Panaca, and Pioche. Meanwhile, plans are already in the works to tap into vast trail networks both north and south to extend the "SST" from Arizona on up to the Idaho border.



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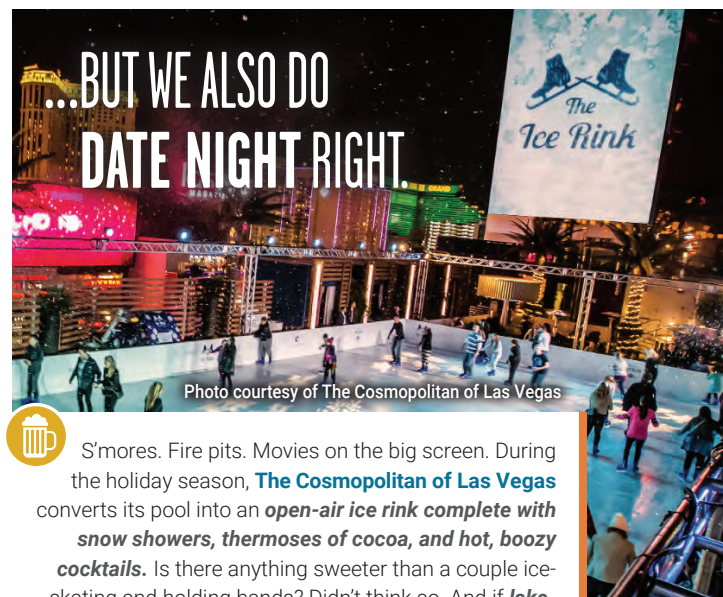
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WE'VE GOT SLOPES WITH THE SWEETEST VIEWS.

Photo by David Bunker

There are plenty of places in Tahoe to work on your turns, but for Instagram-worthy views at affordable prices, **Diamond Peak** is the destination. *Lift tickets won't drain your bank account, trails look like they empty right into the lake, and there's a full calendar of events to keep you entertained.* Plus, with plenty of snowmaking guns, there's always enough snow on the ground, no matter what the weather does.



...BUT WE ALSO DO DATE NIGHT RIGHT.

Photo courtesy of The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas



S'mores. Fire pits. Movies on the big screen. During the holiday season, **The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas** converts its pool into an **open-air ice rink complete with snow showers, thermoses of cocoa, and hot, boozy cocktails.** Is there anything sweeter than a couple ice-skating and holding hands? Didn't think so. And if **lake-viewing fire pits and fancy cocktails are more your jam**, head to northwest corner of the state—**Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort** is your place.

If your idea of a good time involves virgin powder, pristine bowls, and killer chutes, grab your GoPro, 'cause Nevada's calling. We're talking 4,000-foot verticals and plenty of powder, but not another soul in sight. For a more extreme adventure, book a trip with **Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience** and *let a bird drop you into wicked terrain in an area with 10 peaks over 11,000 feet.*



OUR BACKCOUNTRY IS BADASS.
(And virtually untouched...)

Photo courtesy of Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience



Winter in Nevada brings the **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering**, an arts and culture festival dedicated to ranching, rural living, and the American West. That means original poetry about the magic and reality of life on the range, recited by actual cowboys, as well as dozens of musical performances, a film festival, and workshops on everything from hat-making to harmonica to rodeo swing dancing.



Photo courtesy of Borges Family Sleigh Rides

Nobody wants a partridge in a pear tree, but your Christmas-carol fantasies can come to glorious life with a picturesque sleigh ride along Lake Tahoe or down the historic Pony Express Trail. **Borges Family Sleigh Rides** has been offering **Belgian draft horse-powered rips for nearly 50 years**—because riding sleighs is way more fun than singing about them.



Las Vegas gets down every December 31, turning the Strip into a massive, pedestrian-only block party where everyone's invited. Find someone to kiss when the clock strikes midnight, then **direct your eyes upward as the casinos let loose a rooftop fireworks display that turns the desert sky into a Technicolor spectacle.**

Photo courtesy of Lee Canyon

OR SKI AN HOUR FROM THE LAS VEGAS STRIP.



There's an après-ski pint at the lodge and then there's soothing sore legs with a trip to a lavish casino spa. One hour from the Strip, **Lee Canyon** has **24 lift-serviced trails, hiking routes, and 445 total acres of skiable terrain.** And when your quads need a break, the tubing hill, complete with lift, beckons. You'll feel a world away from Las Vegas... and still be back in time for happy hour.



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BASQUE CUISINE

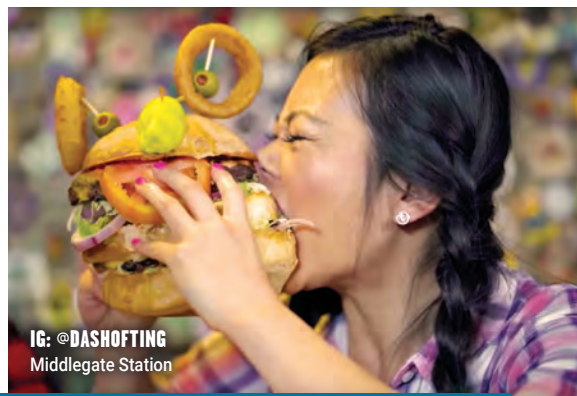
The Silver State's cultural cookbook takes a handful of pages from Basque culture, merging Spanish and French mountain traditions with the western tastes of rural Nevada.



Dig in to all things Basque, including where to taste the tradition on pg. 38

NEVADA PAIRS WELL WITH EVERYTHING

Don't get us wrong. We love a good kale hash or white truffle gnocchi or chrysanthemum martini as much as the next food-lovers. And these days Nevada's cuisine scene is pretty dang *haute*... However! When we're cruising around the Silver State, sometimes we just find ourselves craving some **tried-and-true Nevada flavors** and a classic haunt to savor it all in. Here's a light menu of where to find some.



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Middlegate Station

Check out the **Loneliest Food In America Podcast** for more food inspiration. Or learn more about **Middlegate Station's Monster Burger** (shown above).



PIONEER SALOON | Goodsprings
Photo by DarrellCraigHarris.com



COWBOY JOE | Elko
Photo courtesy of Cowboy Joe



REVISION BREWING CO.
Reno and Sparks
Photo courtesy of Revision Brewing Co.

BREWERIES

With 15 breweries in Reno, another dozen in Vegas, and several more around the state, you're never far from some Silver State suds.

Revision Brewing Co. | Reno and Sparks
Alibi Ale Works | Incline Village
Tonopah Brewing Co. | Tonopah
Hop Nuts Brewing | LV Arts District
Ruby Mountain Brewing Co.
Clover Valley (south of Wells)

DINERS & DIVES

You know the deal. If you leave hungry, you did it wrong.

The Griddle | Winnemucca
Rosie's Place | Wellington
The Dinky Diner | Goldfield
The Coffee Cup | Boulder City
Hunter's Grub 'N Go
Amargosa Valley

BURGERS

Every state does burgers. Nevada just does 'em better.

Beefy's | Reno
S'Socorro's Burger Hut | Mina
Racks Bar & Grill | Ely

Middlegate Station | Middlegate
The Dillinger | Boulder City
Pioneer Saloon | Goodsprings

SAGEBRUSH SALOONS

Less polished than a "bar." Way cozier than a "dive." Just as authentic as the adventure you took to get there.

Red Dog Saloon | Jarbidge
Pioneer Saloon | Goodsprings
Lucky Spur Saloon | Kingston
Paradise Valley Saloon
Paradise Valley
Dirty Dick's Belmont Saloon
Belmont

COFFEE & ESPRESSO

Because sometimes gas station drip just won't cut it.

The Roasting House | Virginia City
Cowboy Joe | Elko
The Roost | Eureka
Ghost Town Art & Coffee | Pioche
Colorado River Coffee Roasters
Boulder City

DISTILLERIES

When it comes to the "spirit of Nevada," we prefer to sip it.

Verdi Local Distillery | Verdi
Frey Ranch Estate Distillery
Fallon **TURN TO LEARN** →
10 Torr Vacuum Distillery
Midtown Reno
Branded Hearts Distillery
Reno
Las Vegas Distillery
Henderson

ICE CREAM AND MORE

As if Nevada wasn't sweet enough...

Icecycle Creamery | Reno
Scoups Ice Cream & Soup Bar
Carson City
Chilly Jilly'z | Boulder City
Luv-It Frozen Custard | Las Vegas
Steve's Homemade Ice Cream
Fernley



ICECYCLE CREAMERY | Reno
Photo courtesy of IceCycle Creamery



CEMETERY GIN (FREY RANCH)
Virginia City
Photo courtesy of Cemetery Gin



THE GRIDDLE | Winnemucca
Photo courtesy of The Griddle



ESTATE OF THE *Art*



From “Grain-to-Glass” to “Farm-to-Flask,” it doesn’t get more “Drink Local” than sipping on something a mere cork’s throw from where it grew. Of the USA’s three estate distilleries, **two are in Nevada**. Meanwhile, *all* of Nevada’s wineries produce estate vino.

FREY RANCH ESTATE DISTILLERY



FALLON | SAT, 12P-4P

Fifth-generation Nevada grain growers producing gin, vodka, bourbon, and more on their historic ranch.

BENTLY HERITAGE ESTATE DISTILLERY



MINDEN | **OPENING 2019**

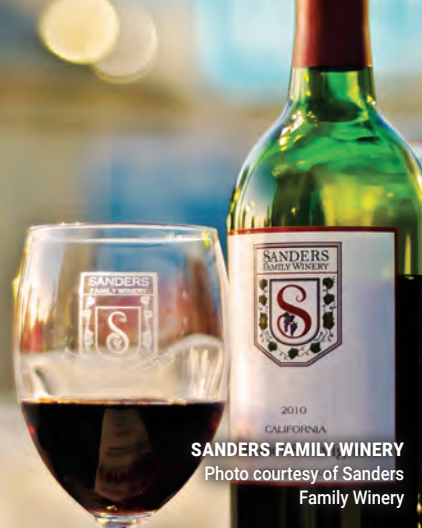
Carson Valley farmers converting sustainably-grown, heirloom winter grains into fine vodkas, gins, and beyond in a restored, LEED-certified, century-old flour mill.



FREY RANCH
Photo by Jeff Dow



BENTLY HERITAGE ESTATE DISTILLERY



SANDERS FAMILY WINERY
Photo courtesy of Sanders Family Winery

WINE NOT HERE? Leave it to us trend-buckers to develop **desert-hardy grapes** that need a fraction of the water that their Napa cousins guzzle. Which is almost as cool as the fact that they actually taste great, too.



PAHRUMP VALLEY WINERY
PAHRUMP | OPEN DAILY

Nearly 30 years since the Sanders' Family pioneered grapes in the Mojave, this winery crushes 35+ tons of Nevada grapes into award-winning red and white varietals. In addition to free tastings and tours, you can get your Lucy-and-Ethel on at their annual Pahrump Grape Stomp each October.



PAHRUMP VALLEY WINERY



CHURCHILL VINEYARDS
FALLON | SAT, 12P-4P

Hot days and cool nights mean sugar-rich grapes ideal for lush reds and premium European-style whites, like Riesling, Gewürztraminer, and pinot gris—grown, harvested, and bottled at Frey Ranch.



SANDERS FAMILY WINERY
PAHRUMP | OPEN DAILY

Bordered by panoramic views, beautiful Tuscan-style grounds make a lovely place to taste smooth, palatable reds and whites—as well as catch a live concert or theatrical production during the summer and fall.



CHURCHILL VINEYARDS
Photo courtesy of Churchill Vineyards

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A STATE APART.
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UNCOVER HISTORY

AT NEVADA'S STATE MUSEUMS

Adventure through the rich and colorful story of the Silver State as it unfolds in seven Nevada State Museums. Unearth eras marked by prehistoric giants and eons of natural splendor, experience rhythms of American Indian life and the Old West, feel the booms of mining, railroading, the atomic era, entertainment... *and so much more.*

Where will your **NEVADA STORY** take you?

Visit NVMuseums.org for museum locations, exhibits, & events.
Become a Museum Member for **FREE admission** to ALL state museums.

NEVADA
MUSEUMS & HISTORY





Weird, Wild, AND World-Class

FIVE STANDOUT NEVADA MUSEUMS

By Nicole Rupersburg | Matador Network



Nevada's kind of always been a monument to exceptions, extremes, and the freedom to be a little (**OK, a lotta**) bit different. Naturally, so are its cultural institutions. While you're out here making your own Nevada history, get lost in some backstory with the kinds of museums you'll wish your grade school teachers would've taken you to.



WASHOE CLUB & HAUNTED MUSEUM VIRGINIA CITY

1

If you're after a remarkable piece of Nevada's haunted history—in a state believed to have a LOT of it—start with the Washoe Club in historic Virginia City. Built in the 1870s as a private club for the wealthy, what was aptly known as the “Millionaire's Club” is today considered one of the West's most haunted locations, earning it visits from Travel

Channel's *Ghost Adventures* and SyFy's *Ghost Hunters*. Visit the Haunted Museum and take the 40-minute guided tour of the whole building (offered daily), or conjure up your own ghost-hunting experience with a haunted lockdown with access to all three floors of the building—including the extra-haunted crypt and spiral staircase—for a few hours or even overnight.



WASHOE CLUB MUSEUM & HAUNTED HOUSE



NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART | RENO

2

A world-class museum located right between **Downtown's Riverwalk** and hip, bustling **Midtown**, the NMA is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, putting it in a club with The Met in New York and San Francisco's MOMA.



Find out more about the Nevada Museum of Art's Seven Magic Mountains on pg. 30-31

Founded in 1931, it's one of the oldest cultural institutions in the state, but it's anything but old-fashioned, with changing exhibitions by national and international artists, a healthy dose of **Burning Man** sculptures and artifacts, and a permanent collection of more than 1,000 contemporary landscape photographs and works across nearly every medium imaginable. Oh, and those giant neon boulders you've seen on Instagram? That's part of NMA's Center for Art + Environment.

THE NEON MUSEUM | LAS VEGAS

3

This is the kind of museum that could only exist in Las Vegas. What began as simple storage of defunct neon signs (known as the “Neon Boneyard”) has grown into a full-fledged museum, complete with a visitor center located in the salvaged atomic blast-shaped La Concha Motel lobby.

More than 200 rescued historic neon signs sprawl across the nearly two-acre Boneyard. You'll recognize some, even if you've never seen them in person: Caesars Palace, the Moulin Rouge Hotel, the Golden Nugget...the list goes on. Hop on a guided hour-long tour any day—or better yet, night—of the week.

TravelNevada PRO TIP: Head to the **FREMONT STREET EXPERIENCE** (not a tour, not even just a street—definitely an experience) to gaze at signs that have made it safely out of purgatory for a second life, glowing again in all their neon glory.



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Neon Museum



NEON MUSEUM

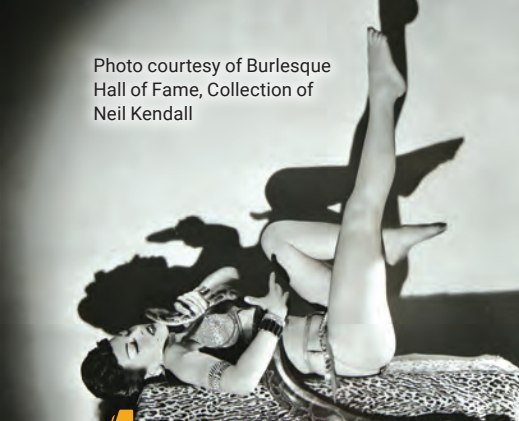
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Step back in time and experience a true history of adventure. Home of the famous Comstock Lode, miners became millionaires and their riches are still visible in this 1800s era town complete with wooden boardwalks, famous saloons, gold panning, quaint shops and fine dining. Adventure abounds with exhilarating special events all year long. After all this excitement, plan on staying the night in the richest place on earth.

STEP BACK IN TIME
Virginia City
NEVADA
EST. 1850

Photo courtesy of Burlesque Hall of Fame, Collection of Neil Kendall



4 BURLESQUE HALL OF FAME | LAS VEGAS

What began as the dream (and personal collection) of legendary burlesque performer Jennie Lee is now one of the only places in the world dedicated to preserving the legacy of “burly-q,” while exploring the careers and lives of its performers and producers, from the early days on the vaudeville circuit to the art form’s recent revival. At its new home in the **Las Vegas Arts District**, it’s one of the

BURLESQUE HALL OF FAME WEEKENDER

JUNE 6-9 | THE ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO

A showcase of icons, all-stars, and all things burlesque, with vendors, classes and (of course) live burlesque entertainment.

largest collections of burlesque memorabilia, exhibiting thousands of costumes, props, photos, and personal belongings. If you’re wondering, take it from them: it’s “spectacular, erotic, and slightly shocking.”

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA MUSEUM | ELKO

5 Entering this 20,000-square-foot facility is like walking into a history of everything that’s ever gone down in the Silver State, as told through artifacts; American mastodon fossils; Shoshone and Paiute craftwork; Old West ranching, mining, and railroad displays; an entire authentic Pony Express cabin; and an exhibit chronicling the cultural legacy of the Basque community in northern Nevada. That’s not even mentioning the humongous taxidermy installation, the gallery of original work by legendary Western artist Will E. James, and the exhibit on Hollywood golden boy turned Elko-local Bing Crosby. Basically, this place is Nevada.

If you’re curious about more

#WEIRDNEVADA

check out pg. 62-65



STEWART INDIAN SCHOOL

History: Reclaimed

Just outside the state capital, between the years of 1890 and 1980, Stewart Indian School operated as Nevada’s sole off-reservation Indian boarding school, the site of a mandatory chapter in the life stories of thousands of American Indian adolescents from Nevada and neighboring California.

However, that was then.

Today, in spite of their origins, the 63 stone buildings on this 110-acre property, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, stand together as a monument to the collective experience of many American Indians of the West, and to the perseverance of peoples to hold onto their culture and, ultimately, carry their traditions forward in the face of adversity. Nearly 40 years after its closing, this campus is now home to the Nevada Indian Commission, as well as a number of fascinating ways to experience and appreciate this thread of Nevada history.



STEWART FATHER’S DAY POWWOW JUNE 14-16

Visit the campus on Father’s Day weekend to witness (or join in) as the campus comes alive for its biggest annual event, featuring hundreds of dancers, dozens of arts and crafts vendors, Indian tacos, Stewart School alumni recognition, special events, and exhibits.



THE TALKING TRAIL

As you explore the campus, interpretive locations come to life, not simply with interpretive signs detailing the Stewart Indian School experience, but also with the voices and stories of past students, teachers, and others who really lived it—thanks to a free audio tour accessed on any mobile phone. Comprising 20 stops, the trail stretches a little over half a mile on paved surface throughout this historical property.



Can’t wait till you get here? Listen online:
StewartIndianSchool.com/walking-trail



STATE MUSEUMS

Nevada's seven state museums tell the state's story from prehistory to statehood to modern day and focus on themes that set it apart — American Indian culture, railroading, mining, gaming, entertainment, and natural history.

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM | LAS VEGAS

lasvegasnvmuseum.org

Located on the beautiful **Springs Preserve** Campus, the museum features 15,000 square feet of permanent exhibit space and brings the history of Las Vegas to life in all its glory. The "Showgirl Wall" exhibit features the spectacular costumes once worn in iconic stage shows on The Strip.

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM | CARSON CITY

carsonnvmuseum.org

Housed in the former United States Branch Mint, the museum tells the state's history from prehistoric times to modern day. See the Mint's Coin Press No. 1 in action in demonstrations. The Natural History collection features animals from a prehistoric mammoth whose bones were found on the Black Rock Desert to an ichthyosaur, which swam the waters of ancient Lake Lahontan.

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY | RENO

nvhistoricalsociety.org

The state's oldest cultural institution is home to the American Gaming Archives, a collection of gambling manufacturers' equipment, research materials, and ephemera. The Reno Gallery celebrates many of the city's iconic moments, characters, institutions, and structures. The society's research library is a resource for casual history buffs and scholars alike.

Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas



Nevada Historical Society, Reno



LOST CITY MUSEUM | OVERTON

lostcitymuseum.org

Built on an actual archaeological dig site, the museum tells dual stories of ancient times and the 20th century, when the building of **Hoover Dam** changed the face of a wide swath of southern Nevada. The museum celebrates the history of the ancient Pueblos through artifacts including stone tools, arrowheads, basketry, and more.

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM CARSON CITY

carsonrailroadmuseum.org

A rare treat, this museum features restored and fully operational steam locomotives from 1875: the narrow-gauge Glenbrook and the standard-gauge Inyo. It also features the historic McKen Motor Car, one of the only three National Historic Landmarks that moves.

CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF TRAIN HISTORY

The Transcontinental Railroad connected a nation in May 1869, when the Golden Spike was driven in Promontory, Utah. Join the **Nevada State Railroad Museums in Carson City, Boulder City, and Ely** as we honor the event and 150 years of railroading history with special exhibits, events, and more.

Visit Nevada150Railroad.com to see what's in store throughout the year.



NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM BOULDER CITY

boulderrailroadmuseum.org

The Boulder Branch Line, built in 1931 for the construction of **Hoover Dam**, lives on. Open-air exhibits include an official railway post office car, while the hallmark of the museum is its passenger excursions. The seven-mile route takes 45 minutes and offers visitors views of the Eldorado Valley and Mohave Desert.

EAST ELY RAILROAD DEPOT MUSEUM ELY

elyrailroadmuseum.org

The museum commemorates the era when the **Nevada Northern Railway** was in full operation for the mining camps of eastern Nevada. The Depot remains virtually untouched since the railroad's closure, offering a glimpse into the past. The museum also serves as a gateway to the Nevada Northern Railway, which operates rolling stock from the railroad's heyday.

Lost City Museum, Overton



Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City



Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City



East Ely Railroad Depot Museum, Ely





TOURING THE MURALS OF MIDTOWN RENO

By **Megg Mueller** | Nevada Magazine

When we're young, many of us play with a jack-in-the-box; with just a little persistence, we are continually delighted by the surprise that pops up.

Reno's Midtown Mural Tour is a bit like that; the payoff is worth the small effort required to see the beautiful, evocative, and generous murals sprinkled in this newly energized segment of the Biggest Little City.

The murals have been appearing for years, but it wasn't until Geralda Miller and Eric Brooks—co-curators of Art Spot Reno, a comprehensive website for the area's arts and events—expanded on Eric's impromptu tours for friends that the Midtown Mural Tour was created. Today, guided tours of the more than 80 murals happen the second Saturday of each month, and most tours include one of the muralists, along with Eric's encyclopedic knowledge of the works and artists.

As with many inner-city gentrification projects, the murals are taking on a life of their own; in a single summer, more than 20 murals were added to the mix, and more are being commissioned and painted each month. The vibrant

expressions of local, national, and international artists have been created out of artistic need, but also because savvy business people and artists have begun working together to bring new life to Reno's admittedly aging core.

The subjects run the gamut; from characters to portraits and everything in between. **But there's one thing you won't find: graffiti.**

"The difference between murals and graffiti is permission," Geralda says. "Murals are a deterrent to vandalism and tagging."



Find even more art throughout the Silver State on pg. 32-33

That permission has completely changed the face of Midtown, as businesses seek muralists to decorate their walls, which

ART IS CONTAGIOUS

Despite some stodgy attitudes of the past, more and more communities are realizing muralism isn't just urban "street art" — or even just "urban."

Case in point: Elko

Inspired by the gleaming success of the 2017 Reno Mural Expo—which transformed more than 20,000 square feet of wall space into vibrant art—the Elko Arts and Culture Advisory Council is partnering with **Art Spot Reno**, rustling up more than 20 artists to give their community a similar treatment, vivifying dozens of downtown walls with a range of artistic styles and subjects, some tapping into the area's rich, proud cultural history.


ELKO MURAL EXPO
SEPT 26-29

The inaugural Elko Mural Expo takes place Sept 26-29, all over town, with live painting on nearly 30 spaces, lectures, a film screening, workshops, docent-led mural tours, and live music.

If you're there before then, you can get a taste of what's coming with Erik Burke's kickoff mural (adorning Ogi Deli) of a Basque girl and aspen trees "carved" by the community's Basque elders—as well as of delicious Basque-style breakfast, lunch and *pintxos* inside.

Take in the Basque cuisine scene on pg. 36-37



"VISIONARY"
MURAL BY OVERUNDER (ERIK BURKE)
Photo by Tony Fuentes



JUNKEE CLOTHING EXCHANGE
MURAL BY JOE C. ROCK
Photo by Neil Lockhart

in turn encourages the thriving artists' community Geralda and Eric are striving to support. A portion of the small charge for the guided tour is given to the accompanying artist.

"We want to make sure artists in this area are getting paid,"

Geralda says simply. Her love for the arts fuels her goal to get the word out about this often-overlooked side to the city. Eric—one of Reno's most fervent ambassadors—concurs.

"Reno's public art collection is incredible. We may even have the highest percentage of public art per capita than any other city," Eric estimates. "We need to help develop the artists here, and we need to help keep them here."

Reno is a year-round art town. It's become a true destination for the arts.

—Geralda Miller, *Art Spot Reno*

Their work—along with others—is paying off. A small part of the overall art scene, murals are taking off with at least 25 found in downtown Reno (north of Midtown), and the University of Nevada, Reno is working on a mural tour also. The city's annual Artown Festival reaches its

24th anniversary this year, and as this nationally recognized, popular month-long event each July is proud of noting, Reno is Artown.

But for Geralda, Eric, and **Art Spot Reno**, one month is simply not enough to highlight all the incredible art events happening in Reno. "Reno is a year-round art town," Geralda says. "It's become a true destination for the arts." ♦



**TAKE ME THERE
RENO MIDTOWN MURAL TOUR**

Second Saturday of the month, \$10
Check out **ArtSpotReno.com** for more information.



MUSIC

THE RENO SCENE

Between a buzzing local music scene and the constant flow of touring acts, Reno often has tunes on tap any night of the week.

THE SAINT 🍷

Swanky joint with a big dance floor and their own beer on tap. Weekly music series and lots of shows.

HOLLAND PROJECT

All-ages cultural powerhouse and venue of choice for many nationally (and internationally) touring indie rock acts.

PIGNIC PATIO PUB 🍷🍷

BYO meat to grill, then rock out to live folk or funk at this old-house-turned-bar.

JUB JUB'S THIRST PARLOR 🍷

Hamm's-in-cans rock-n-roll vibe; the go-to for louder local and touring bands (psych, metal, punk, hip-hop) in the showroom or barroom.

CARGO

Whitney Peak Hotel's 1,000-capacity concert hall for national and international touring acts.

GRAND THEATRE ★

Grand Sierra Resort's shiny new state-of-the-art 2,700-seat theater is the main spot for the really, really big stuff.

Whether we're talking **Rat Pack lounge legends**, residencies from **Elvis to Garth to Britney**, or even **The Killers** naming their fourth album "*Battle Born*" after our state's nickname, Nevada has always struck a chord with music lovers. Today, the Silver State's music scene reverberates far **beyond blockbuster** stage shows and casino cover bands—or even just **Vegas** (though you can pretty much never NOT catch a great band there). **Here are some of our favorite times and places to get your trip nice and tuned up.**

FESTIVALS ▶

BLOW YOUR FRIENDS' MINDS!

The Killers' song, *Miss Atomic Bomb*, the *Rolling Stone* Readers Poll's Best Song of 2012, references a real title that beauty pageant contestants competed for during a particularly explosive time in Nevada's past. **Learn more about Atomic Nevada on pg. 60-61.**

MORE MUSIC AROUND THE STATE

CRYSTAL BAY CLUB

[CRYSTAL BAY] 🍷🍷

North Lake Tahoe's concert hotspot, especially for bluegrass, jam bands, funk, and electro—and killer afterparties!

HARD ROCK LAKE TAHOE

[STATELINE] 🍷🍷

Tahoe South's choice for A-list artists in the showroom or outdoor amphitheater.

LAUGHLIN 🍷🍷🍷

Check the calendars for the Laughlin Event Center and the Edgewater's E Center to see what household-name acts are playing this week for a closer look at this Colorado River-side resort community.

DUNCAN LITTLE CREEK GALLERY & BAR 🍷🍷🌞

[ELKO]

This cowboy town's cultural hub is the place to be for everything from live music and open mic nights to poetry readings. A menu with more than 50 wines, dozens of solid brews, and infinite cocktail possibilities from its artful mixologists certainly helps, too.

WEST WENDOVER 🍷🍷🍷

You might be pleasantly surprised what kind of country, soul, and classic rock stars make a point to play and party in this lively bordertown.

KEROUAC'S RESTAURANT

[BAKER] ★ 🍷🍷🍷

Park staff and guests from nearby Great Basin National Park—and just about the entire population of Baker—turn out for now-and-again Friday night concerts at this gourmet breakfast-and-dinner bistro and artisan cocktailery.

MIDDLEGATE STATION 🍷🍷

[MIDDLEGATE]

Turn up to this Pony-Express-station-turned-stagecoach-stop-turned-roadhouse along the **Loneliest Road** (closest town: Fallon, 50 mi) and you might get serenaded by local folk rock balladeer Paul Smith, or even swept into a late-night weekend dance party with a live country band.





NATIONAL COWBOY POETRY GATHERING

ELKO, JAN 28-FEB 2

One of the main draws of this town-wide full-participation celebration of authentic western cultural arts is intimate performances from the likes of Colter Wall, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Mike Beck, and other living Western musical legends.



Photo courtesy of Electric Daisy Carnival

ELECTRIC DAISY CARNIVAL

LAS VEGAS, MAY 17-19

Easily the biggest, greatest EDM fest in the US, EDC packs three days with stacked lineups, mesmerizing light and pyrotechnic shows, and more than 400,000 revelers dancing at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.



NIGHT IN THE COUNTRY

YERINGTON, JULY 25-27

Since 2002, this cowboy-hatted party-vibe campout has been bringing out big guns like Blake Shelton, Jason Aldean, and Thomas Rhett—plus plenty of up-and-comers—for three days of pure country music on pure Nevada farmland.

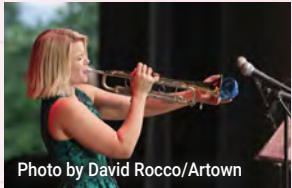


Photo by David Rocco/Artown

ARTOWN

RENO, ALL OF JULY

Deemed one of the US' most comprehensive arts events by the National Endowment for the Arts, this month-long, city-wide festival features dozens of free musical performances by rock, jam, blues, jazz, latin, reggae, and world music artists from around the planet.



Photo by Michael Goodwin

PSYCHO LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS, AUG 16-18

Psych, groove, stoner, doom... From Alice Cooper to sunn O))) to High on Fire, *Las Vegas Weekly's* voted "Best Festival" welds every prong of metal and heavy rock together under one roof—this year it's Mandalay Bay's.



Photo by Greg Noire/iHeartRadio

IHEARTRADIO MUSIC FEST

LAS VEGAS, LATE SEPT • 2 DAYS

Chart-smashing artists from every major genre (think Justin Timberlake to T-Swift to Fleetwood Mac) take over T-Mobile Arena, with talented sure-to-emergers on the Daytime Stage.



Photo courtesy of Life Is Beautiful Music & Art Festival

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL MUSIC & ART FESTIVAL

LAS VEGAS, SEPT 20-22

Three days of music—from major pop, hip hop, and indie rock acts—comedy, food, art, and workshops at stages, tents, and dens across 10 square blocks of Downtown Las Vegas.

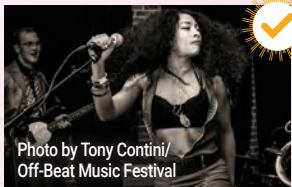


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OFF BEAT MUSIC FESTIVAL

RENO, OCT 3-5

The SXSW or Treefort of Reno, this "music discovery" fest packs 12+ Midtown venues with nearly 100 emerging regional and festival-circuit artists, spanning everything from psych rock to honky-tonk to retro soul.



Photo by Megan Blair/Snowglobe

SNOWGLOBE

STATELINE/LAKE TAHOE, EVERY NEW YEAR, DEC 29-31

Enjoying Tahoe's winter wonderland by day and dancing to top-of-the-game DJs and hip hop MCs by night make this "literally and figuratively the chilliest festival ever"—not to mention the best NYE party around.

Dates are subject to change.

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THE WATER



Tahoe South
TahoeSouth.com



2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

Where and when to cut loose around the Silver State.

JANUARY

JANUARY 19-20

Fire & Ice Festival

Ely/Cave Lake State Park

ElyNevada.net



JAN 24-27

Eagles & Agriculture

Carson Valley

VisitCarsonValley.org

JAN 28-FEB 2

National Cowboy Poetry Gathering

Elko

NationalCowboyPoetryGathering.org



Cowboy... poetry? Don't worry. Bewilderment is common among folks who have yet to experience this welcoming, weeklong, town-wide celebration of authentic western cultural arts. However, show up and you'll see why thousands of people, cowboy types and otherwise, flock to Elko each winter for "six days of poetry, music, dancing, workshops, exhibits, conversations, food and fellowship."

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 7-10

Dam Short Film Festival

BOULDER CITY

DamShortFilm.org

FEBRUARY 8-9

Chinese New Year in the Desert

Las Vegas

CNYInTheDesert.com

FEBRUARY 14-17

14th Annual Lover's Aloft Balloon Race

Lovelock

LoversLock.com

FEBRUARY 16-24

Alpenglow Mountain Sports Festival

North Lake Tahoe

AlpenglowSports.com

MARCH

FEB 28-MAR 10

Snowfest!

North Lake Tahoe

TahoeSnowFest.org



Photo courtesy of North Lake Tahoe



Get the complete event lineup at TravelNevada.com/Events
Dates subject to change.

MARCH 16

Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry

Virginia City

VisitVirginiaCityNV.com

Photo by Liz Huntington



MARCH 16

St. Patrick's Day Concert & Afterparty at the Lucky Spur Saloon Rendezvous
Kingston

MARCH 20-23

41st Annual International Mining Games

Virginia City

VisitVirginiaCityNV.com

APRIL



APRIL 9-14

Shooting the West

Winnemucca

ShootingTheWest.org

APRIL 25-27

Laughlin River Run

Laughlin

LaughlinRiverRun.com

APRIL 26-28

Genoa Western Heritage Day

Genoa

VisitCarsonValley.org

MAY

MAY 3-5

Wild West Extravaganza & Bluegrass Festival

Pahrump

VisitPahrump.com

MAY 18-19

Chili on the Comstock & Fireball Saloon Crawl

Virginia City

VisitVirginiaCityNV.com



MAY 18-19

California Trail Days

Elko

CaliforniaTrailCenter.org

EVEN MORE EVENTS



ALL THINGS MUSIC

"For those about to rock" see where and when to pack your festival clothes, or simply drop in on live local tunes, pg. 110-111.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Bringing your (other) wheels? Bomb it down to these spoke-tacular mountain bike bashes, pg. 90-93.

RODEO ROUNDUP

From kids' mutton bustin' to full-on bullriding, local ranch hands to world championship pros, get wild at Nevada's best rodeos, pg. 38.

JULY 22-27

Damboree Celebration

Boulder City

VisitBoulderCity.org



JULY 23-AUG 20

Perseid Meteor Shower

Anywhere with a good, dark sky

MAY 20-27

Jim Butler Days

Tonopah

TonopahNevada.com



This truly Nevadan weeklong party honors the famed "Queen of the Silver Camps" founder (and his feisty donkey) with arm wrestling tournaments; the Nevada State Mining Championships; beer, wine, and whiskey tasting; live music; street dances; parades; and tons more.

MAY 24-25

15th Annual Best Dam Barbecue Challenge

Boulder City

BestDamBarbecue.com

MAY 24-26

Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle & Music Festival

Winnemucca

Runamucca.com

MAY 24-26

Sacred Visions Powwow

Wadsworth

JUNE

JUNE 6-9

Carson Valley Days

Carson Valley

VisitCarsonValley.org

JUNE 7-9

Street Vibrations Spring Rally

Reno

RoadShowsReno.com

JUNE 13-15

Ely Air Races

Ely

ElyNevada.net

JUNE 14-15

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews & Blues Festival

Reno

EldoradoReno.com



Learn more on pg. 105

JUNE 15-16

Stewart Father's Day Powwow

Carson City

StewartIndianSchool.com

JULY



artown

JULY 1-31

Artown

Reno

Artown.org

JUL 5-AUG 25

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival

Incline Village

LakeTahoeShakespeare.com



All the sand's a stage... at least when this much-loved annual celebration brings classical theatre to the beach at postcard-perfect **Sand Harbor State Park**, pg. 22-23.

TravelNevada PRO TIP:

As if watching theatre in this unbeatable "Big Blue" setting wasn't enough, sweeten the deal by packing the mini-cooler with a picnic dinner (and a bottle of vino), or hit up the tasty cafe.



Learn more on pg. 36

JULY 5-7

National Basque Festival

Elko

ElkoBasqueClub.com

JULY 9-14

American Century Championship Celebrity Golf Tournament

Stateline

AmericanCenturyChampionship.com

AUGUST

AUGUST TBD

Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & County Fair

Fallon

FallonCantaloupeFestival.com

AUGUST 1-4

Goldfield Days

Goldfield

GoldfieldNevada.org

AUGUST 6-11

Hot August Nights

Reno

HotAugustNights.net

AUGUST 8-9

Jarbridge Days

Jarbridge

CowboyCountry.org



AUG 25-SEP 2

Burning Man

Black Rock Desert

BurningMan.org

AUG 28-SEP 2

Best in the West

Nugget Rib Cookoff

Sparks

NuggetRibCookoff.com

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 8-14

Human Powered Speed Challenge

Battle Mountain
ihpva.org



SEPTEMBER 6-8

Great Reno Balloon Race
Reno
RenoBalloon.com

SEPTEMBER 7

International Camel & Ostrich Races
Virginia City
VisitVirginiaCityNV.com



Photo by Liz Huntington

DOUBLE UP WITH THE DIE-HARDS

Each September, hundreds of hardcore Nevada-holics beat the sun to Rancho San Rafael Park for pre-dawn festivities, catch the **Great Reno Balloon Race's iconic 7am "Mass Ascension,"** then pack up the blankets and blast on up to **Virginia City** in time for plenty of **International Camel and Ostrich Races** action and, inevitably, the "Camel Hump" on up to the C Street saloons.

SEPTEMBER 11-15

National Championship Air Races
Reno
AirRace.org

SEPTEMBER 12-15

Silver State Classic Car Race
Route 318
SilverStateClassic.com

SEPTEMBER 25-29

Street Vibrations Fall Rally
Reno
RoadShowsReno.com

SEPTEMBER 26-28

Great Basin Astronomy Festival
Baker
GreatBasinNationalPark.com



SEPTEMBER 26-29

Elko Mural Expo
Elko
ExploreElko.com

Learn more about this new expo on pg. 109

SEPTEMBER 28-29

Genoa Candy Dance 100th Anniversary
Genoa
GenoaNevada.org

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 3-6

Laughlin International Film Festival
Laughlin
LaughlinFilmFestival.com

OCTOBER 5-6

Art in the Park
Boulder City
VisitBoulderCity.com



100,000 art lovers can't be wrong about two days perusing endless displays of fine and traditional arts and crafts at one the Southwest's largest outdoor juried art festivals. Come for the fest, stay for Boulder City's Art Deco charm and killer cuisine scene, all just up the hill from Vegas and a short hop to Lake Mead and Hoover Dam.

OCTOBER 5-6

Pahrump Grape Stomp
Pahrump
PahrumpWinery.com

OCTOBER 5-6

World Championship Outhouse Races
Virginia City
VisitVirginiaCityNV.com

OCTOBER 25-27

Beatty Days
Beatty
BeattyNevada.org



OCTOBER 25-27

Nevada Day Celebration
Carson City
NevadaDay.VisitCarsonCity.com



From live bands to block parties, chili feeds to fire-blasting art cars, beard contests to single-jack rock drilling world championships, one seriously massive parade and more... if you thought Texans had pride, wait till you see the party that engulfs the state capital for the biggest, best state birthday bash in the nation.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER TBD

Pomegranate Arts & Crafts Festival
Logandale
MoapaValleyArtGuild.net

NOVEMBER 2-3

Southern Paiute Veterans Powwow
Moapa Valley
SoPVA.com

NOVEMBER 5-7

Nevada Open Golf Tournament
Mesquite
CasablancaResort.com

NOVEMBER 22-24

Pahrump Social Powwow
Pahrump
VisitPahrump.com

NOV-DEC HOLIDAY SEASON

Northern Nevada Railway Polar Express
Ely
NNRY.com



NOV-DEC HOLIDAY SEASON

V&T Polar Express
Carson City-Virginia City
VTRailway.com



NOV 29-DEC 31

Northern Lights
North Lake Tahoe
GoTahoeNorth.com

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1-29

Christmas on the Comstock
Virginia City
VisitVirginiaCityNV.com

DECEMBER 14

Cowboy Christmas at the Mizpah
Tonopah
TonopahNevada.com

DECEMBER 14

Reno Santa Crawl
Reno
RenoSantaCrawl.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

155TH NEVADA DAY—155 YEARS OLD! ACROSS THE STATE | OCT 31

Some folks get Halloween... Thanks to that fateful October 31 in 1864, Nevadans get that AND a weekend-long "Admission Day" celebration.

150TH CITY OF ELY ELY | YEARLONG

It's Ely's sesquicentennial, but who's counting? Turns out, the whole town... with a whopping 150 sanctioned events going down through the year.

150TH TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUMS, CARSON CITY, BOULDER CITY, EAST ELY DEPOT | YEARLONG

Join the Nevada State Railroad Museums in Carson City, Boulder City, and Ely as we honor the event and 150 years of railroading history.

100TH GENOA CANDY DANCE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE GENOA | SEP 28-29

What started as a fundraiser to bring street lights to Nevada's oldest settlement is now the valley's most popular art, craft, and community event.

100TH RENO RODEO RENO | JUN 20-29

It may be a modern town, but Reno still proudly marches cattle up its main drag to the arena for ten days of classic pro rodeo action.

60TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CAMEL & OSTRICH RACES VIRGINIA CITY | SEP 6-8

In 1959, the Territorial Enterprise published a fib (a cheeky proclivity of theirs leftover from the days Mark Twain graced the payroll). But when a team from San Francisco showed up, camels in tow, the bluff was called... and here we still are!

35TH NATIONAL COWBOY POETRY GATHERING ELKO | JAN 28-FEB 2

See tradition respected and futures embraced with a lineup of renowned poets, musicians, filmmakers, artists, and revelers celebrating the living West.

30TH WINNEMUCCA RANCH HAND RODEO WINNEMUCCA | FEB 27-MAR 3

Real working buckaroos go spur-to-spur for prizes (and bragging rights) in Steer Stopping, Wild Mugging, Trailer Loading, Ranch Doctoring, and more.

30TH ELY RENAISSANCE VILLAGE & ART BANK ELY, ONGOING

Ten years in, Ely's muralist makeover and bank-turned-gallery earned an Arts District designation, one it's held down for another twenty since.

20TH HUMAN POWERED SPEED CHALLENGE BATTLE MOUNTAIN, SEP 8-14

Pilots of recumbent bikes in egg-like shells come from around the world to put the "Battle" in Battle Mountain and break land speed records.



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NEVADA IS MADE FOR

Weddings

Whether you've been fantasizing about that big, beachfront Lake Tahoe ceremony (be real, since long before you ever even met this guy), or you really just want Father "Elvis" to do his thing from a drive-through window, or anything else in between, Nevada's got your big day covered.



LAKE TAHOE
Photo by Jeff Dow/Lake Tahoe
Visitors Authority

While many states make couples deal with a blood test and waiting period to get married, all Nevada really asks is that both people show up. You can even get a marriage license from any county clerk's office and go home hitched later that same day. But that's not the only reason couples bring their love to the Silver State.

Basically, if you can dream it, Nevada's wedding professionals can make it come true. (Heck, in 1982, a pair of window washers even tied the knot while dangling outside the 15th floor of Reno's Sands Regency).



EAST FORK RANCH
Gardnerville
Photos by Laura Reaney,
Reaney Photography



FOR MORE INFORMATION

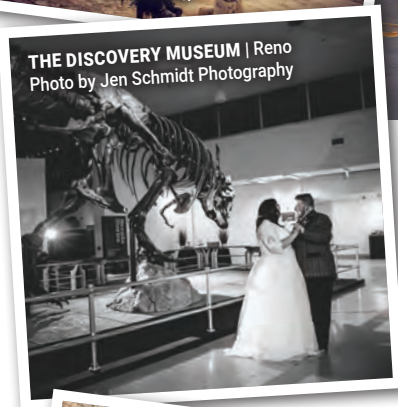
View the **Southern Nevada Wedding Guide** at lvweddingguide.com or visit the **Las Vegas Wedding Chamber of Commerce** at WeddingChamber.vegas

Indeed, weddings (and don't forget photo shoots) held in beautiful natural settings, on charming old ranches, and other less conventional venues have gained tremendous popularity everywhere, and Nevada has no shortage of picture-perfect places to satisfy those desires. However, traditionalists will still be glad to discover that most of Nevada's wedding chapels are very formal and cater to lavish weddings, as well as smaller affairs.

Las Vegas is always a hot choice, with as wide a range of options as there are people selecting them, and pleases guests by making the whole "destination wedding" situation about as easy (and fun) as possible. Also, to minimize wedding-day stress, just about every major hotel offers packages that include a chapel, your officiant, rooms, food, and other matrimonial goodies. Fancy some extra flowers or a spa package to enhance the romance? Consider yourself accommodated.



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Burning Man
Photo by @vic_crulich



THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM | Reno
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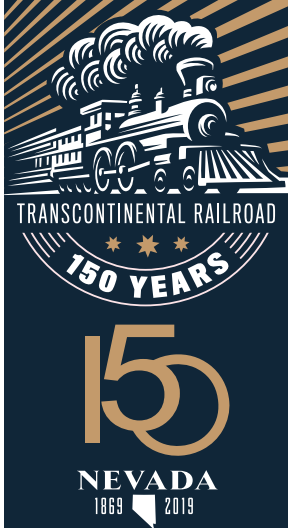
SPRING MOUNTAINS
Near Las Vegas



LAS VEGAS

And then there's Lake Tahoe, one of the most beautiful locations in the world for a wedding (or really for anything), where many talented wedding planners are available to take care of every detail. Several resorts on the shores of the lake can also help you plan anything from a low-key ceremony at a beautiful mountain park to the most elaborate high-rise, lake-viewing extravaganza.

Nevada surely has something for everyone planning to get married and we welcome the opportunity to help you make the most of your special day. ♦



150 YEARS OF RAILROAD HISTORY

CELEBRATE THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

The Transcontinental Railroad connected a nation in May 1869, when the Golden Spike was driven in Promontory, Utah. Join the **Nevada State Railroad Museums in Carson City, Boulder City, and Ely** as we honor the event and 150 years of railroading history with special exhibits, events and more.

Visit Nevada150Railroad.com to see what's in store throughout the year.

A special exhibit at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City will feature:

- ✓ Two original key steam locomotives from the era
- ✓ The Central Pacific RR Director's Car—the last surviving rolling stock to have witnessed the moment

Coming May 2019!



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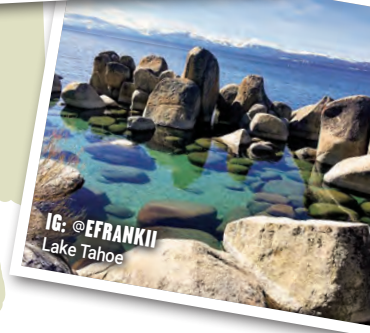
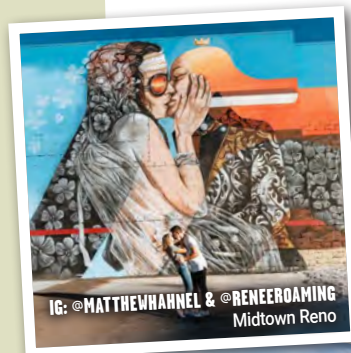
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NEVADA myth vs fact



NEVADA IS JUST A FLAT OL' DESERT...

Millions of visitors do indeed flock to our desert wonderlands, like 🏜️ **Red Rock Canyon** pg. 16-17, 🌋 **Valley of Fire** pg. 72-73, and the 🏜️ **Black Rock Desert** pg. 48-49 each year and go *home mesmerized*. But here in the 🏔️ **most mountainous state in the Lower 48** pg. 40-41, those *majestic landscapes are just the tip of the sandstone...*

PEOPLE JUST GO THERE TO GAMBLE...

Granted, we *do* have the most incredible casino-resorts on Earth. But with 🎰 **millions of acres of wilderness** pg. 46-47, 🏔️ **unique parks** pg. 72-75, **heart-stealing towns** pg. 18-19 (both living and... otherwise pg. 88-89), some seriously 📖 **unusual history** pg. 60-61, **something going on** pg. 112-115 just about everywhere you go, and more **envy-sparking scenery** pg. 54-55 than you can shake a selfie stick at, *your chances of a one-of-a-kind, story-filled payoff are hovering right around 100%.*

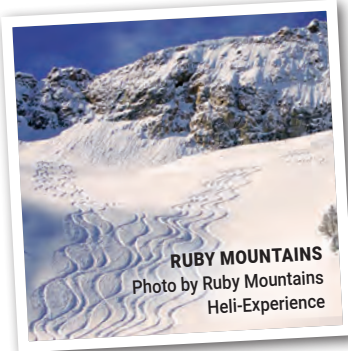


THE ONLY THING THERE IS THE LAS VEGAS STRIP...

Pssh, please. Not only are 🎰 **Las Vegas' other districts** pg. 32 worlds of excitement unto themselves, but wait till you've slipped beyond the glow of our largest city and 🍷📖 **"saloon-crawled" in Virginia City** pg. 24-25, hip-checked your scene cred in 🎨 **art-fueled Reno** pg. 50, bombed 🎧 **fresh singletrack in Caliente** pg. 90-91, swapped rhymes with 🌵 **cowboys in Elko** pg. 42, or found **true clarity at Lake Tahoe** pg. 22-23... then come talk to us. *(But only so we can send you off on even more only-in-Nevada adventures.)*

IT'S HOT LIKE ALL THE TIME...

Well, maybe; but 🎮🎮 **only right where you want it to be** pg. 86-87. Thanks to Nevada's wildly diverse landscapes, few places offer as wide a range of 🏔️ **winter action** pg. 96-97. Likewise, **no matter the season, you can always find somewhere amazing to explore**, be that on 🚲 **two wheels** pg. 92-93 or 🚶 **four** pg. 94-95—or with 🚶👁️ **two limbs** pg. 76-79 or 🚶 **more** pg. 82-83. And, weather or not, if chilling indoors is your jam, we know a 🏠 **few intriguing places to do that, too** pg. 103-107.



RENO... THAT'S JUST UP THE ROAD FROM VEGAS, RIGHT?

Sure, kinda... if you consider about 450 miles "just up the road"—which, here in the **Road Trip Capital of the USA**, you bet we do. Because, whether you find yourself 📖 **ghost town-hopping** pg. 88-89 at golden hour, or 🚗 **getting weird in a "car forest"** pg. 62-65, or bravely taking your 🍷 **first picon punch** pg. 37 to the stomach, or refueling with a 🍔 **mom-and-pop miracle meal** pg. 98-99, or simply full-on falling for whatever surprises you encounter traveling this wild state, the point is: even with our wealth of world-class, vacation-worthy destinations, *Nevada just makes that journey part so damn fun.*

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Guardians of tradition and buckers of trends

Who stand out in crowds, or trade them for *The wide-open road.*

Boulevards shimmering with miles of neon

And dark skies dancing on a starlight stage

All-encompassing, *one vast playground.*

The road might end, but the spirit of Nevada never does.

WHERE WILL YOUR STORY TAKE YOU?

